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The High Court said it would be appropriate for the State to issue fresh guidelines for implementing the Karnataka Extension of Consequential Seniority to Government Servants Promoted on the basis of Reservation (to the posts in the civil services of the State) Act, 2017. » PAGE 6

Mary Kom-led panel to probe wrestlers' charges

It will investigate allegations against Wrestling Federation of India president and submit a report within a month. Till then, the committee will carry out WFI's day-to-day work, says Sports Minister

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday announced that six-time World champion and Olympic medallist boxer M.C. Mary Kom will head a government-appointed five-member Oversight Committee to investigate the charges levelled by some prominent wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Olympic medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, well-known shuttler Trupti Murgunde, former Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) CEO Commander Rajesh Rajagopalan and former Executive Director (Team) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Radhica Sreeman are the other committee members.

"It [the oversight committee] will investigate the serious charges levelled by the wrestlers and will submit its report within a month. Till then, the committee will carry out the WFI's day-to-day work," said Mr. Thakur. The panel will probe the allegations of sexual misconduct, harassment and intimidation, financial irregularities and administrative lapses, said a release.

Ms. Kom and Mr. Dutt are also part of a seven-member committee formed by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to look into the wrestlers' allegations. Ms. Kom heads the IOA panel as well.

Several top Haryana-based World and Olympic medallist wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik, began a protest in Delhi on Wednesday last. It was called off following assurances from Mr. Thakur.

The Ministry had sought an explanation from the WFI. The federation rejected all the allegations, claiming the protest was part of a "larger conspiracy to malign and defame" Mr. Singh, a BJP MP from Kaiserganj in Uttar Pradesh, who has criminal cases pending against him.

In the ring

The announcement of an Oversight Committee headed by M.C. Mary Kom comes a week after wrestlers levelled allegations against Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. A look at the developments over the past week:

Jan. 18: Wrestlers begin protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi

Jan. 18: Sports Ministry sends notice to WFI seeking explanation

Jan. 19: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur meets wrestlers, assures them that the charges would be looked into

Jan. 20: Protest called off

Jan. 20: WFI replies to notice, rejects all allegations

Jan. 21: Sports Ministry asks WFI executive committee to abstain from activities of the federation

Two students in Kerala infected with Norovirus

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Norovirus infection was confirmed in two school-children in Ernakulam district even as health authorities in Kerala stepped up efforts to contain its spread.

The infection was confirmed in two children of Class I and II at Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad. The virus was detected in their stool samples.

Norovirus is mostly spread through contaminated food and water. Its symptoms are vomiting and/or diarrhoea, head and body aches, the Health Department said.

Sixty-two children and a few parents had earlier exhibited symptoms. Three students are under treatment. Their condition is said to be stable.

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21 Andaman islands named after Param Vir Chakra awardees

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the naming ceremony of 21 islands of Andaman and Nicobar, via video conferencing, on Monday. PIB

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday named the 21 largest unnamed islands in the Andaman & Nicobar archipelago after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.

Mr. Modi participated in the ceremony through video conference and unveiled a model of the national memorial dedicated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that's to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep.

Home Minister Amit Shah was present in Port Blair at the culmination of a seven-day event organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs in honour of Netaji. He said the 126th birth anniversary of Netaji is being celebrated nationwide as 'Parakram Divas'.

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Will take up Pandits' issues, Rahul says in J&K

Rahul Gandhi

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday empathised with migrant Kashmiri Pandits and listened to their grievances in Jammu during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

He said the community had been wronged by the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration, and that he would write to the Prime Minister and raise the issues faced by the Pandits in Parliament.

The Congress MP also pitched for the restoration of Statehood to J&K.

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State to have multiple tiger and leopard rehabilitation centres

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

The current practice of translocating leopards from conflict area, in vogue since many years, will be disbanded in due course as the State is set to establish multiple rehabilitation centres to house leopards and tigers captured from conflict zones.

Senior officials of the Karnataka Forest Department are already studying similar facilities elsewhere in the country. While one team is in Jamnagar in Gujarat to study the Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Kingdom developed by Reliance Industries Ltd., another team has visited Kanha National Park and Bandavgarh in Madhya Pradesh, besides Pench in Maharashtra, and Transit Treatment Centre established for wildlife at Nagpur.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Kumar Pushkar told *The Hindu* that the costing was being worked out and based on the reports, the final proposal will be submitted to the government within a week.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The BCCI set to get richer with its women's IPL bid

4,000 In ₹ crore, the amount by which BCCI is set to get richer as some of the top business houses are set to bid for the five Women's IPL teams on Wednesday. More than 30 companies have bought the bid documents worth ₹5 lakh. Corporates such as the Adani group, Torrent group etc have shown interest in buying a team. PTI

Spotify announces layoffs, joins Microsoft, Meta and Amazon

6 The percentage of workforce, music streaming firm Spotify Technology SA, is planning to cut, adding to a glut of layoffs in the technology sector as companies prepare for a possible recession. Tech companies are facing a demand downturn after two years of pandemic-driven growth. This has made companies from Meta to Microsoft shed thousands of jobs. Reuters

Pakistan imports luxury cars and items amid financial crunch

1.2 In $ billion, the amount Pakistan spent on the import of transportation items, including luxury cars, high-end electric vehicles, and their parts, during the last six months amid sinking reserves and a fear of default, according to a media report. The country is in the middle of a financial crunch with foreign exchange reserves depleting to as low as $4 billion. PTI

1,80,000 Russian soldiers dead or wounded in Ukraine

1.8 In lakh, the number of dead or wounded Russian soldiers in Ukraine so far, while the figures for Ukraine are 1,00,000 military casualties and 30,000 dead civilians, according to estimates released by Norway's army chief. The Norwegian general also called for the rapid delivery of combat tanks to Ukraine, which has so far been held up mainly by Germany. AFP

Investment in capital markets through P-notes decline

96,292 In ₹ crore, the amount of investment in Indian capital markets through participatory notes (P-notes) at the end of December 2022. P-notes are issued by registered FPIs to overseas investors who wish to be part of the Indian stock market indirectly. PTI

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The basic structure of the Constitution

At the heart of the current debate over the Supreme Court Collegium and the striking down of the National Judicial Appointments Commission, is a fundamentalquestion — does Parliament have unlimited power to amend the Constitution or is it subject to inherent limitations?

LETTER & SPIRIT

Krishnadas Rajagopal

GETTY IMAGES

The Chief Justice of India, D. Y. Chandrachud compared the 'basic structure' of the Constitution to the North Star, an unfailing guide which shows the way when the path appears convoluted. His observation marks the response of the Supreme Court to a recent statement made by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar that the basic structure doctrine introduced by a 13-judge Bench 40 years ago, in the *Kesavananda Bharati Sripadagalvaru versus State of Kerala* through a 7:6 wafer-thin majority judgment, diluted parliamentary sovereignty. The opinion of the Vice President and the reply from the top judge have come amidst an ongoing verbal skirmish initiated by the government over the striking down of the 99th Constitutional Amendment and the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act in a 4:1 majority decision of the Supreme Court in October 2015. The government is now vying, after a gap of nearly eight years, for a stronger, if not dominant, spot in judicial appointments to constitutional courts. It remains bitter about the failure of the NJAC, a constitutional amendment, it said, was an exercise of the "will of the people" through Parliament.

At the heart of both the Kesavananda Bharati case, better known as the Fundamental Rights case, and the current debate over the Collegium, a powerful body of Supreme Court judges which recommends names for judicial appointments, is a fundamental question – does Parliament have unlimited power to amend the Constitution or is it subject to inherent limitations?

The basic structure doctrine

The Kesavananda Bharati judgment held that Parliament cannot use its constituent power to alter the basic structure or the essential features of the Constitution. The Parliament, as senior advocate Nani Palkhivala said (at whose memorial lecture Chief Justice Chandrachud gave his reply) cannot cease to be a creature of the Constitution and become its master.

The basic structure or framework of the Constitution is its living spirit, holding up the body of its text. Its existence cannot be pin-pointed to any particular provision of the text. It is the "soul" of the Constitution, inextricably linked to the values enshrined in the Preamble, without which the document and the ideas that make it sacred would collapse. "A Constitution is a living system. But just as in a living, organic system, such as the human body, [where] various organs develop and decay, yet the basic structure or pattern remains the same with each of the organs having its proper function, so also in a Constitutional system the basic institutional pattern remains even though the different component parts may undergo significant alterations. For it is the characteristic of a system that it perishes when one of its essential component parts is destroyed," the Supreme Court explained in the 703-page Kesavananda Bharati verdict of April 24, 1973.

Granville Austin's *Working of a Democratic Constitution* said the basic structure doctrine "is fairly said to have become the bedrock of constitutional interpretation in India". The Constitution Bench in the NJAC judgment encapsulated the principle behind the basic structure theory when it said "a change in a thing does not involve its destruction".

Different judges on the Kesavananda Bharati Bench gave different examples of what constituted the 'basic structure' of the Constitution, including supremacy; the federal and secular character of the Constitution; separation of powers among the legislature, executive and judiciary; dignity of the individual; unity and integrity of the nation; sovereignty of India; democratic character of our policy; welfare state and egalitarian society; liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship and equality of status and opportunity among other essential features.

The Kesavananda Bharati case

Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy in his *The Court and the Constitution of India: Summits and Shallows* says Chief Justice S. M. Sikri, who led the Kesavananda Bharati Bench, never divulged from where he derived the basic structure formula. "Since there are no signposts signalling basic features of the Constitution, every attempt to discover a basic feature becomes a 'voyage of discovery'," Justice Reddy wrote.

The Kesavananda Bharati case came to the Supreme Court almost immediately after the Indira Gandhi government rode to victory in the 1971 elections on the popular slogan of 'garibi hatao' with almost 350 seats out of a total of 540. The government, smarting primarily under the Supreme Court's Golak Nath verdict which upheld the power of judicial review of constitutional amendments, introduced several Constitutional Amendments. The 24th Constitutional Amendment changed Article 13, a provision which mandated that no 'law' could take away or abridge fundamental rights. The Golak Nath judgment had interpreted the term 'law' in Article 13 (2) to include 'constitutional amendments' too. The Parliament through the 24th Amendment said a constitutional amendment cannot be rendered void merely because it infringed fundamental rights. It also modified Article 368, a provision which dealt with constitutional amendments, to enable the Parliament to add, vary or repeal any Article of the Constitution. The 13-judge Bench upheld the Parliament's power to amend the Constitution as long as it adhered to its basic structure or essential features.

The 25th Constitutional Amendment introduced Article 31C into the Constitution to implement the Directive Principles of State Policy under Article 39 (b) and (c) for distribution of material resources of the community and to prevent concentration of wealth. The government's aim was to facilitate nationalisation of industries and socialist measures. The Amendment mandated that any law enacted with this objective cannot be "deemed" void on the ground that it was inconsistent with fundamental rights. The latter half of Article 31C added that such a law would be outside judicial review. In fact, even a petition cannot be filed in court challenging such a law. In short, the Amendment gave Directive Principles primacy over fundamental rights and judicial review of the apex court.

Senior advocates Soli Sorabjee and Arvind Datar in their *Nani Palkhivala – The Courtroom Genius* described the great lawyer arguing that Article 31C was the "forerunner of a totalitarian State'. The 13-judge Bench invalidated the part of Article 31C which took away the power of judicial review of the court.

However, the Kesavananda Bharati judgment gave no relief to the petitioner-seer when it upheld the 29th Constitutional Amendment which incorporated two land reform provisions made in the Kerala Land Reforms Act, 1963 in the Ninth Schedule, immunising them from litigation claiming violation of fundamental rights. A fourth constitutional amendment, the 26th, on abolition of privy purses, was not considered by the Court.

The (counter) arguments

Mr. Sorabjee and Mr. Datar, in their book, condense the submissions of the Union and the States, represented by senior advocate H. M. Seervai and then Attorney General Niren De, that constitutional amendments should not be nullified by the court as they mirror the "democratic will of the people". An argument which has surfaced again through Mr. Dhankar after four decades. But Mr. Palkhivala had met this argument with a prescient one of his own, "people are not associated with the amending process at all. Parliament cannot be equated with the people, the Parliament's will is not the people's will".

The aftermath

The judgment was delivered on the last working day of Chief Justice Sikri. Justice A.N. Ray, the fourth in line of seniority and who was part of the minority which upheld the unlimited power of Parliament to amend the Constitution, superseded Justices J. M. Shelat, K.S. Hegde and A. N. Grover to become the 14th Chief Justice of India. All three of his colleagues resigned. A similar supersession followed when Justice H. R. Khanna, after his lone but historic dissent upholding the fundamental right to life and personal liberty in the Habeas Corpus case during the darkest days of Emergency, was overlooked for Chief Justiceship. These incidents could be directly linked to the Supreme Court evolving the Collegium system to protect judicial independence, which is also part of the basic structure doctrine.

The basic structure doctrine had survived an aborted attempt to overrule the *Kesavananda Bharati* judgment by another 13-member Bench led by Chief Justice Ray. It came in handy when the court, in the *Indira Gandhi versus Raj Narain* case, removed the 39th Constitutional Amendment passed during the Emergency period which put the elections of the President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Lok Sabha Speaker beyond judicial review.

In 1980, the court once again used the basic structure formula, in the Minerva Mills challenge to the 42nd Amendment, to uphold judicial review of constitutional amendments and to protect fundamental rights.

Over the years, the courts have clarified the basic structure, including that of the "primacy to the opinion of the Chief Justice of India in judicial appointments and transfers in the context of the independence of the judiciary as a part of the basic structure of the Constitution to secure the rule of law essential for preservation of the democratic system".

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Intermittent power supply in Whitefield division today

There will be intermittent power supply on Tuesday between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Whitefield Main Road, Varthur Kodi, Gunjur, Ramagondanahalli, Siddapura, Kachamaranahalli Village, Gunjur Main Road, Balagere Main Road, Mussandra Main Road, Madhura Nagar 1sst, 2nd and 3rd stages, Sorahunase Village and surrounding areas.

Governor visits University of Agricultural Sciences

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Monday paid a visit to University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, GKVK campus. According to a release, he visited different centres of the university and attended the agriculture class along with the students. "If you don't grasp the teacher's instruction, question them repeatedly," he advised the students after speaking with them.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (January 24, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- Letter & Spirit | The basic structure of the Constitution
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Footpaths, roads, and drains are among top concerns of citizens

As part of 'My City My Budget' initiative, BBMP has collected inputs from residents in all 243 wards across eight zones and 28 Assembly segments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Budget, footpaths, roads, and drains are on the top of the list of priorities for Bengaluru residents, according to the Janaagraha Center for Citizenship and Democracy, which collected opinions of the people.

As part of Janaagraha's 'My City My Budget' initiative, the BBMP started collecting inputs from residents.

The Budget bus covered all 243 wards spread across eight zones and 28 Assembly constituencies of Bengaluru for one month to receive Budget inputs. Over 16,261 inputs were collected both offline and online.

Development works being undertaken at Gandhi Bazaar in Basavanagudi, and (right) Tushar Giri Nath (centre), BBMP Chief Commissioner, releasing the 'My City My Budget' campaign summary in Bengaluru on Monday. GIZELLE GINA D'SILVA AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Submitted inputs

According to the Janaagraha, footpaths, roads, and drains constituted 67% of submitted inputs.

"Over 470 km of new footpaths and repair of over 950 km of existing footpaths were suggested by the citizens. Investment to improve the pedestrian mobility in Bengaluru emerged as the most critical theme, cutting across demographic spread. Need for adequate streetlights in the city was a persistent trend across almost all zones of the city. Greater demand for footpath maintenance from inner zones, while outer zones demand for provisioning of new footpaths," Janaagraha said in a release. "BBMP has keenly ensured citizen participation in its budgeting process for the last many years. We not only intend to take forward the initiative of allocating funds to each ward to address the issues raised by citizens through the My City My Budget campaign, but also look forward to citizens prioritising and assisting BBMP in implementing the works identified successfully through the Ward Committees, thus moving another step towards institutionalisation of community participation in budgeting and development of the city. On the whole, this will add another dimension to position Bengaluru among the most livable cities of India." said Tushar Giri Nath, Chief Commissioner, BBMP.

Mr. Tushar Giri Nath also said that the BBMP Budget will be presented in February once the State government gives its approval.

Key priorities for citizens

Top 5 sub-categories	Inputs received	Inputs received
Repair broken footpaths	2,803	17%
Repair existing roads (fill potholes)	2,566	16%
Repair/desilt existing road-side drains	2,049	13%
Repair existing street light(s)	1,859	11%
Provide road-side drains along with rainwater harvesting pits	1,254	7%

Cumulatively, footpaths, roads and drains constituted an overwhelming 67% of submitted inputs for FY 2023-24

OC of Sobha City to be reissued after submission of proper documents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) cancelled the Occupancy Certificate (OC) of flats in Sobha City apartment on Thanisandra Main Road, leaving the house owners in the lurch, BBMP Chief Commissioner clarified that the OC was canceled due to wrong documents submitted by the builder and if they submit the right one, BBMP will issue fresh OC.

On January 21, the BBMP, in an official order, withdrew the OC of Sobha City, a project developed and sold by Sobha Ltd. in Bengaluru. It alleged that the apartment builder had submitted a fake No Objection Certificate (NOC) of the Fire Department, and hence the BBMP withdrew the OC issued earlier to the apartment.

It was alleged that the apartment builder had submitted a fake NOC of the Fire Dept.

"The first OC issued earlier was cancelled since the wrong documents were submitted, and fresh OC will be issued after taking all the explanations. We will also take action against the person who produced wrong documents," Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner, said.

Meanwhile, CREDAI Bengaluru on Monday in a statement said that revoking of OC by BBMP comes as a surprise to the industry as member developers of CREDAI have always embraced regulations and processes set forth for the real estate sector.

"Sobha, along with other leading brands in the country, is a long time CREDAI member and like all member developers has always abided and complied with industry regulations, including the RERA law passed in 2016," Bhaskar T. Nagendrappa, president, CREDAI Bengaluru, said in a statement.

He said that CREDAI believes that Sobha has never intentionally in the past and even now tried to violate laws and that they were confident that Sobha will resolve this with the authorities concerned at earliest and ensure none of the residents were affected.

'Remedial steps taken'

In a statement by Sobha Limited on Monday, it said that it took immediate and all remedial steps in consultation with the Fire Department to comply with necessary regulations to obtain renewed approvals.

"The project was launched and completed after receipt of and in compliance of the relevant NOCs, permissions, and sanctions from various authorities from 2011-13. This action of BBMP has been taken pertaining to certain Fire NOC and Fire Clearance documentation submitted earlier. Sobha Limited took immediate and all remedial steps in consultation with the Fire Department to comply with necessary regulations to obtain renewed approvals. The re-issued clearances along with all other NOCs from various departments that were already obtained were duly submitted to BBMP and appropriate representations were made. Working with BBMP, who already have the resubmitted documents, we are sure we will resolve this issue at the earliest," Sobha Limited said in the statement.

Engineer held for barging into women's washroom

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Jayanagar police on Saturday arrested a 39-year-old Dubai-returned engineer who barged into the washroom in Vijaya College last Tuesday and escaped after manhandling a girl. The incident triggered a protest by students demanding immediate action.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested him. Inquiries revealed that the accused claimed that he had irritable bowel syndrome and was supposed to use the washroom after every meal. The accused identified as Ajay Kumar, a resident of Hanumanth Nagar, met someone in Jayanagar on January 10 morning around 8 a.m. and had breakfast. He claimed that he barged into the college nearby as he couldn't use the washroom in the hotel as it was occupied. He ventured into the ladies washroom and confronted a girl student. She raised an alarm soon after noticing him following which he manhandled her in a bid to escape and fled after locking her from outside.

26-year-old Bescom lineman electrocuted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 26-year-old lineman with Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) was electrocuted while conducting repair of a F-29 feeder (transformer) in Gopalapura on Magadi Road on Monday morning.

The deceased Gautham, working as a permanent employee of Bescom for the past six years, was on night shift on Sunday. He and his colleague Siddarama, responding to a complaint of power cut due to issues with the transformer, reached the spot around 9. 10 a.m. on Monday.

Gautham climbed the pole to repair the damaged line after switching off power on the line, but he came in contact with another live wire, for which power was not switched off, and was electrocuted. He fell from the pole suffering severe burn injuries. Though he was immediately rushed to a nearby private hospital, he was declared brought dead, the police said.

Family blames Bescom

Rangaswamy, father of the deceased, alleged negligence by the Bescom authorities. "No precautionary measures were taken during work and he lost his life because of the Bescom engineers' negligence. There was no safety gear provided. As per the information I received, the incident occurred because an officer ordered switching off power on the wrong electric line." He later filed a complaint with the Magadi Road Police, based on which a case has been registered under section 304A of Indian Penal Code for causing death due to negligence against Bescom officials.

Gautham

Shilpa, the sister of the deceased, said he had suffered electrocution on the job last year and had shared his fears about lack of safety precautions at work with their mother.

Bescom officials said that Gautham died after accidentally suffering an electric shock from a transformer which he went to repair without performing earthing procedures. "While conducting repair work, one line of power supply was cut off while the other one was not. As he was working without performing earthing, Gautham died on the way to hospital as he was hit by the power supply from the transformer," Bescom officials said after a spot inspection.

While the family of the deceased alleged that Gautham was not provided safety gear from Bescom, the officials denied the claims. "Safety gear like gloves and shoes are provided to all linemen every year and also at other times, if necessary," an official said.

A former employee of the electricity department said that the linemen should take adequate measures to delink the three phases of power before taking up repair work of the transformers. Another lineman, who requested anonymity, also said that while the provision of safety gear was an issue before, Bescom has been prompt in issuing the same the last few years.

Transport workers to hold protest demanding pay revision

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transport workers of all the four road transport corporations will hold demonstrations near Freedom Park in the city and bus depots across the State on Tuesday demanding pay revision, health benefits and other demands, raising concerns over disruption of services.

However, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation KSRTC) announced that there will be no disruption of bus services on the day.

The members of multiple unions organised under the banner of Joint action Committee have demanded that Basic Dearness Allowance (BDA) should be merged with basic pay and revised basic pay should be increased by 25% for all categories. They have also asked that increment should be at least 3% of the revised basic pay. The employees have also raised their voice for the rehiring of all the staff who were fired by the transport corporations after previous protests.

> We have not called for a strike. We have only called those employees who are on leave. This is only to draw attention of the government to the issues and not cause disruption of service.
>
> **VIJAY BHASKAR**
> Secretary, KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation

Their demands also include formation of a trust on ESI model to ensure free medical treatment for all the employees in multi-specialty hospitals.

They have also asked for shift system, canteen facilities, resting facilities, washrooms and crèche facilities for women employees.

The workers also said that there will only be demonstrations on Tuesday and not a strike. "We have not called for a strike. We have only called those employees who are on leave and for the rest, we have asked to join after their shifts. This is only to draw the attention of the government to the issues and not cause disruption of service," said Vijay Bhaskar, Secretary, KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation.

In different press releases, BMTC and KSRTC said that there will be no interruptions in schedules tomorrow and buses will run regularly.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, JAN. 24	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:17
RISE 08:58	SET 21:00
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:17
RISE 09:44	SET 21:57
THURSDAY, JAN. 26	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:18
RISE 10:25	SET 22:50

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	20
Mysuru	31	15
Bengaluru	24	16

Bengaluru Today
27°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

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Hardware engineer who killed wife was illegal Bangladeshi immigrant

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 29-year-old hardware engineer who killed his newly married wife suspecting her fidelity in Suddugunteplaya a week ago and gave the city police a hard time before he was arrested has turned out to be Bangladesh illegal immigrant who was staying in the city for three years and working in a private firm.

C.K. Baba, DCP, south east division, said that the accused identified as Nasir Hussain is shrewd and slipped the tracking teams many times. The accused knew that he was being tracked down by getting updates from news channels. He booked rooms and tickets twice differently to hoodwink the police.

The accused managed to reach the Indo-Bangla border near Siliguri and even contacted an agent seeking help to cross the border. However, since the BSF officials had already been communicated and all details of the accused were shared, patrolling was heightened and he could not escape. Hussain then returned to Kolkata and took a flight but was caught before he boarded the flight.

The accused told the police that he came to India while he was 18 years through porous border and stayed in Kolkata, Mumbai, Gurgoan, Delhi to work and get fake domicile and educational certificates. He moved to Bengaluru with the fake certificates and joined an IT firm as hardware engineer for a handsome salary. He stayed in a rented flat in Suddunguntepalya and befriended a 22-year-old local girl and married her a few months ago.

The accused started suspecting the fidelity of his wife accusing her of having an affair with her brother-in-law. During a fight, he allegedly strangled her to death and boarded a flight to Delhi before messaging his brother-in-law to inform him about the murder.

ABSTRACT

Blinding lights: The Chemrey Monastery before and after a power cut in March 2021. The number of stars that become invisible when the monastery is lit is 'striking'. DORJE ANGCHUK

The dark sky is a natural resource, and too much light is polluting it

A 2016 study reported that a fifth of India's people experience a high level of skyglow, non-natural light that increases the brightness of the night sky. The effects and consequences of this phenomenon makes the absence of a global treaty to reduce light pollution more conspicuous

Vasudevan Mukunth

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On December 14, 2022, the district administration of Ladakh designated six hamlets within the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary as a "dark-sky reserve" – an area whose sky is free of light pollution. The designation meant that the reserve had a responsibility to keep the skies dark, particularly for the astronomical observatories located in the area.

When private space venture company SpaceX's Starlink constellation of small satellites began to obscure the view of ground-based telescopes around the Earth, the idea of the sky as a natural resource capable of being polluted became popular. These incidents also rendered the absence of a global treaty to reduce light pollution more conspicuous. But while authorities safeguard telescopes' access to dark skies by actively lowering light pollution around their sites, the night-sky elsewhere is actually becoming brighter thanks to 'skyglow', which has significant ecological, health and cultural consequences.

The prevalence of skyglow

In a new study titled 'Citizen scientists report global rapid reductions in the visibility of stars from 2011 to 2022', researchers from Germany and the U.S. analysed a global database of what the dimmest star visible from a particular location is; the database had more than 51,000 entries submitted by citizen scientists. They found that non-natural light had increased the brightness of the artificial glow of the night sky, or skyglow, by 9.2-10% every year between 2011 and 2022. Specifically, they reported that the skyglow had brightened around 6.5% over Europe, 10.4% over North America, and 7.7% over the rest of the world.

The finding is significant because it disagrees with satellite-based data, which has indicated that the rate of increase has been around 2% per year. According to the new study, the discrepancy is probably because satellites are unable to 'sense' blue light emitted by LEDs and to study light that is emitted parallel to the ground.

Visible light emitted by many sources is divergent, so light emitted insufficiently downward could find its way into the sky. Almost all surfaces in cities reflect light, meaning a portion of entirely down-cast light will be reflected upwards, contributing to night-time light pollution. The researchers recommend light sources that cast light at an angle below the plane of the horizon, capping the emissions of these sources and calibrating their output according to the total brightness at the spot being lit.

The situation in India

The study had only a few observations from Asia, South America and Africa. Africa had just 452 observations between January 2011 and August 2022 in the database. There were no entries from China or Brazil – both rapidly industrialising nations – in the study. The researchers themselves admit the data collected from Europe and North America are representative, which means that their conclusions must be taken with a pinch of salt.

However, India isn't a blind spot. In March 2021, Dorje Angchuk, an engineer at the Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle famous for his night-sky photographs, tweeted pictures of the Chemrey Monastery, near Leh, before and after a power cut. The number of stars that become invisible when the monastery is lit is striking. A 2016 study reported that 19.5% of India's population – the lowest fraction among G20 countries – experiences a level of skyglow that would at least keep the Milky Way galaxy out of sight and at most render "dark adaptation for human eyes" impossible. The effects include stimulating the cone cells in human eyes, which is possible only when an environment is considered to be well-lit.

A 2017 study reported that between 2012 and 2016, India's lit area increased by 1.07-1.09% and the average radiance of "stably lit areas" – for example, excluding wildfires – increased by 1.05-1.07%.

The consequences

The 2017 paper noted a curious pattern: "Regardless of historical or geographical context, humans tend to use as much artificial light as they can buy for about 0.7 percent of GDP." That is, even though LEDs have become more efficient, their utilisation hasn't decreased, which in turn means the carbon emissions due to their production and use hasn't decreased.

Numerous studies have also found that artificial light at night affects both people and wildlife in significant ways. According to a 2003 report, lit beaches deter sea turtles from coming ashore to nest. A 2006 review found that skyglow keeps trees from sensing seasonal variations. A 2017 study found that young burrow-nesting seabirds don't take flight unless the nesting site becomes dark. A 2019 study reported that clownfish eggs don't hatch when exposed to artificial light at night, killing the offspring. A 2020 study noted that skyglow interferes with multiple aspects of insect life and allows insect predators to hunt for longer.

Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species adopted guidelines to address the problem at their meeting in Gandhinagar in 2020. By disrupting the circadian rhythm, artificial light at night can hamper the production of melatonin, an influential hormone in the human body which affects sleep, moods and cognition.

A small 2009 review concluded that circadian disruption increased the risk of breast cancer among night-shift workers by 40%. Starry skies have also inspired countless works of science and poetry. When Los Angeles had a big power cut in 1994, many people phoned local authorities to report a "silvery cloud" at night. It became evident later that they were really seeing the Milky Way.

In 2020, Australian researchers wrote in a paper, "The erasure of the night sky acts to erase Indigenous connection to the stars, acting as a form of ongoing cultural and ecological genocide."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

From analysing current events in a comedic fashion to creating the next viral moment with your favourite celebrity, hosts of talk shows are always on topic. Here is a quiz on American talk show hosts

Abhinaya. K

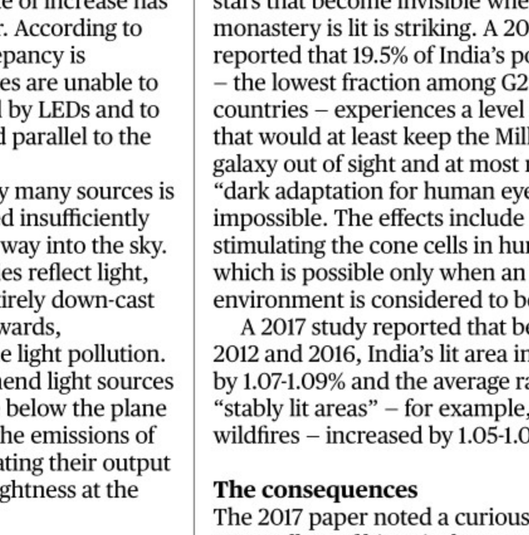
QUESTION 1
This Emmy-winning host is said to have conducted over 50,000 interviews in his long career. He has interviewed political leaders like Russian President Vladimir Putin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and every U.S. President since Gerald Ford. Name the host.

QUESTION 2
In a full circle moment, this guest who came on the season premier of the *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, appeared to send off the beloved talk show host. The actress who has appeared 20 times on the show, has also hosted the show during Ellen's absence. Name the guest.

QUESTION 3
This satire and late night talk show programme takes a look at current events with a humorous twist. An episode of the show which was critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was blocked in India by Hotstar. Name the show and its host.

QUESTION 4
Name the person who replaced David Letterman as the host of the *The Late Show* on CBS.

QUESTION 5
Oprah Winfrey, Kelly Clarkson, Wendy Williams, Natalie Morales and Whoopi Goldberg. What do these women have in common?



Visual question:
In 2011, the then U.S. President Barack Obama described him as "host of the best late night show on TBS". Name this person. GETTY IMAGES

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This person gave the honorific of Netaji to Subhas Chandra Bose. **Ans: Indian soldiers of the Indische Legion and officials in Special Bureau for India in Berlin**
2. Netaji's birthday is celebrated as this. **Ans: Parakram Divas**
3. The political party founded by Bose in 1939. **Ans: Forward Bloc**
4. The name and profession Bose assumed when he escaped from India in 1941. **Ans: Ziauddin, Insurance agent**
5. The protagonist in *Bose The Forgotten Hero*. **Ans: Sachin Khedekar**
6. Bose was called as 'Prince among Patriots' by this person who was later called this title by Bose in July 1944. **Ans: Mahatma Gandhi and 'Father of the Nation'**
7. The names Bose suggested for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the name of the island in the UT named after him in 2018. **Ans: Shahid and Swaraj. Ross Island**
Visual: This temple in Japan has a statue of Bose. **Ans: Renkoji Temple**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. Sreenivas G. K. Pai of Karkala wants to know whether the use of 'spake' is correct in 'Thus spake Swami Vivekananda.'"

"The word 'spake' is not used in modern English. It is the old form of the word 'spoke.' 'Thus spake X' is occasionally used as the title of a book of sayings of some eminent person of the past."

"Mr. V. R. Raghavan of Madras wants to know whether the word 'annexure' to mean 'an additional document' exists. He is of the opinion that the correct word is 'annex' or 'annexe.'"

" 'Annexure' does exist. But 'annex' and 'annexe' seem to be more frequently used in the English-speaking countries. Only a couple of English dictionaries have recorded 'annexure'. Even the seventh edition (1982) of the Concise Oxford Dictionary hasn't recorded 'annexure.' But in India only 'annexure' is used to mean an addition to a document. Both 'annex' and 'annexe' are pronouced 'aneks.' The 'a' in the word is pronounced like the 'a' in 'bad' and the 'e' like the 'e' in 'bed.' The final 'e' of 'annexe' is silent. 'Annexure' is pronounced 'aneksher.' 'sher' rhymes with 'her.' 'Annex' or 'annexe' also means 'a supplementary building, especially for additional accommodation.'

You will find the details in the annexure.

There is an annex to the document he gave me.

I don't live in the main building. I live in the annexe."

"Mrs. S. Robert of Coimbatore wants to know how to pronounce the word 'devotee.'"

"The first 'e' in 'devote' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bit' and 'vote' rhymes with 'boat.' The stress is on the second syllable 'vote'. The first 'e' in 'devotee' is pronounced like the 'e' in 'set' and the 'o' is pronounced like the final sound in 'China.' The 'ee' is pronounced like the 'ee' in 'feel.' The stress is on the third syllable 'tee.'"

Word of the day

Adroitness:
skillful performance or ability without difficulty (used as a noun)

Synonyms: facility, quickness, deftness, adeptness

Usage:
He parked my car with a degree of adroitness.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/adroitnesspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈdrɔɪtnɪs/

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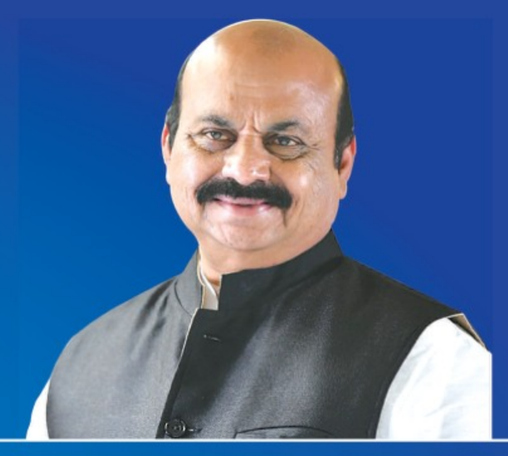

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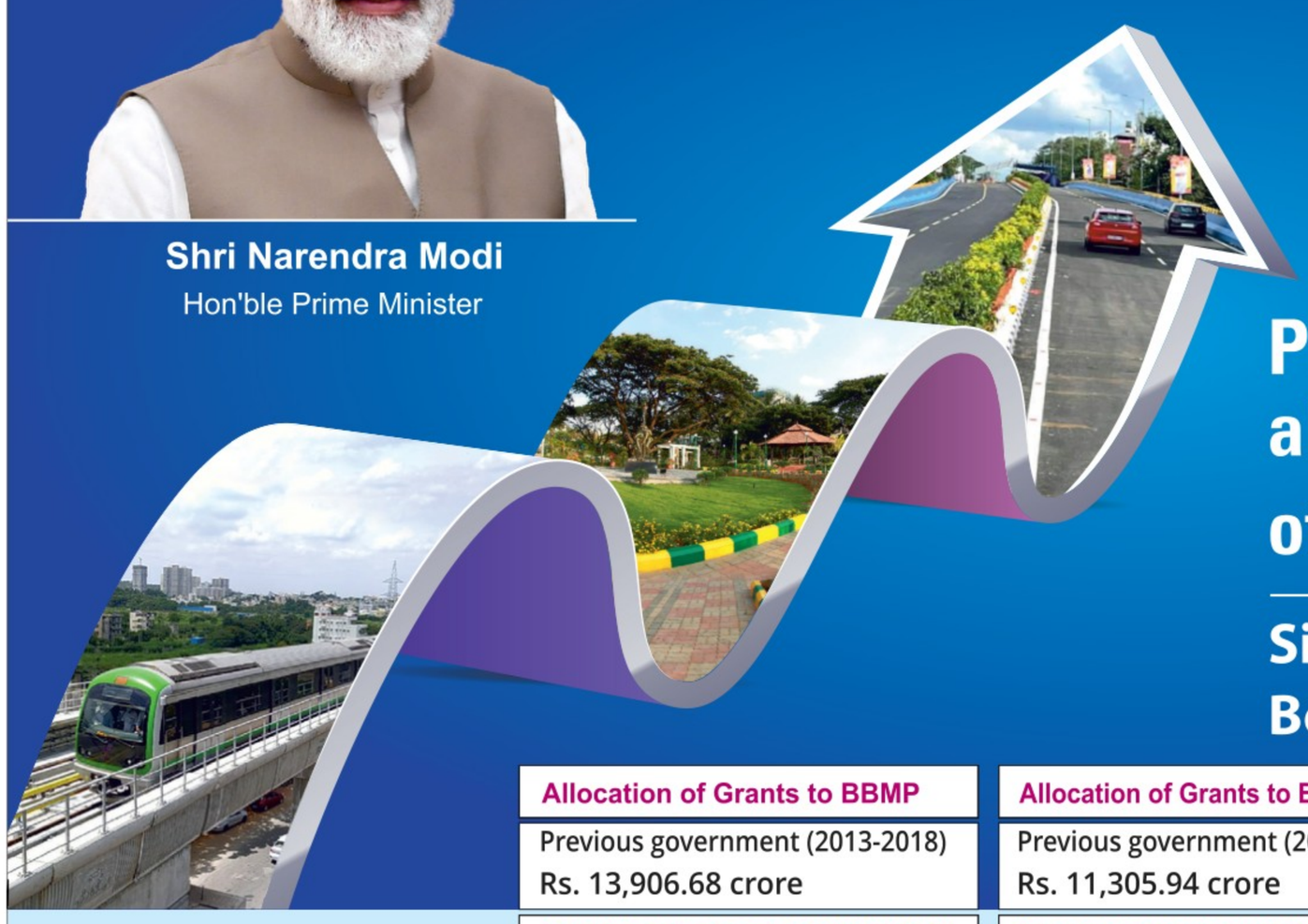

Priority to all-round development of BENGALURU

Significant Strides Made Between 2019 and To Date

Allocation of Grants to BBMP	Allocation of Grants to Bengaluru Metro	Resources Provided to BWSSB
Previous government (2013-2018) Rs. 13,906.68 crore	Previous government (2013-2018) Rs. 11,305.94 crore	Previous government (2013-2018) Rs. 1,230.67 crore
Present government (2019-2023) Rs. 18,697.87 crore	Present government (2019-2023) Rs. 23,352.89 crore	Present government (2019-2023) Rs. 3,131.46 crore

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Nava Nagarothana Yojane

- Approval of **Rs.8,343 crore** 'Nava Nagarothana Yojane' in 2019-20 for developing Bengaluru. Priority to the development of roads, hospitals, schools, colleges and playgrounds

- **Rs. 6,000 crore** for Bengaluru infrastructure development under 'Chief Minister's Amrith Nagarothana Scheme.'

Development of Lakes

- **47 lakes** have been developed under Navanagarothana Scheme at a cost of **Rs. 317.25 crore**.
- Under the Amrit Nagarothana scheme, **Rs. 200 crore** has been allocated to develop **17 lakes**.

- R**s. 1,000 crore** for the reconstruction of pipes of under drainage system and water facility in **110 villages added additionally to BBMP**

- In the backdrop of the floods caused in the **Mahadevapura and Bommanahalli zones** in September 2022, **Rs. 313.15 crore** has been provided under a special package to develop **52 km of storm water drains**.

- **Rs. 1,813 crore** released to prevent floods, development of 171.60 km of storm water drains and concrete retaining walls. Works are in progress.

- **Rs. 123 crore** for health infrastructure facility and **Rs. 180 crore** for the construction of 42 BBMP schools and their upgradation

243 'Namma Clinincs' for Bengaluru

- Works of **106 clinics** completed. Works of the remaining **137 clinics** are in progress.

Adoption of 'Fix My Street' Software – Transparency and Significant Savings in Pothole Fixing

- Approximately Rs. 39.60 crore was spent to fix potholes @ Rs. 20 lakh per ward. Now, the government has adopted 'Fix My Street' software to identify and repair potholes in a quick and transparent manner. **In 2022-23, despite heavy rains and floods, Rs. 12 crore** had been spent till the end of December 2022 to fix potholes.

Bengaluru Water Supply & Sewerage Board

- **Cauvery Water Supply Scheme 5th Stage:** Approval for **Rs. 5,550 crore** scheme to be taken with assistance from JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)

- Works of 14 STPs of 124 MLD capacity in **110 villages**' jurisdiction are in progress.

- Drinking water project for **110 villages** newly added to BBMP at a cost of **Rs. 1,500 crore**. Completed works of the project for controlling water that goes unaccounted.

- 98% of the works of **Rs.1,000 crore** project for providing underground drainage completed.

- **10,000 litres** of water is provided monthly to 1.85 lakh families living in slums. 90% of these families belongs to SC/ST communities.

Benglauru Metro Rail Project – 2nd Phase

- **Reach – 4:** 6.12 km Metro Line from Yelachenahalli Station to Silk Institute Station commissioned on 14.01.2021

- **Reach – 2:** 7.53 km Metro Line from Mysore Road Station to Kengeri Station commissioned on 29.08.2021.

- **Reach – 1:** 13.71 km works from K. R. Puram to Whitefield completed. To be commissioned in March 2023. 2.10 km Extension from Baiyappanahalli to K. R. Puram to be commissioned in June 2023.

- **Reach – 5:** 19.15 km RV Road - Bommasandra new line to be commissioned in September 2023

Bengaluru Development Authority

- **Rs. 3,000 crore** worth of tenders have been invited in 9 packages to form 24,000 sites in the Shivarama Karnatha layout. Works have been started.

- Approval given for an additional Rs. **785 crore** for works on Nadapurabhu Kempegowda Layout.

- In Arkavathi Layout, water supply and underground drainage works have been taken up through BWSSB at a cost of **Rs. 490 crore**.

- Relief works are being taken up in the water-inundated layouts surrounding the Arkavathi layout at a cost of **Rs. 18 crore.**

- Works have been taken up at a cost of **Rs. 190 crore** in the old Vishweshwaraiah Layout and Extended Vishweshwaraiah Layout.

- **Rs. 290 crore** worth of works have been taken up in Banashankari 6th Stage, Anjanapura and J.P. Nagara layouts.

- Works of Hebbal Flyover have been continued at a cost of **Rs. 87 crore.**

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Man arrested on charge of murdering labour contractor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Nandagudi police on Saturday arrested a man who murdered a labour contractor and buried his body in his field over an alleged illicit affair on January 13.

The accused Prakash was arrested after the police, based on a missing complaint, analysed the call detail records of the victim.

According to the police, the deceased Nandish, a resident of Doddanalluru and labour contractor, allegedly had an affair with Prakash's wife.

Prakash who came to know about this warned him many times, but in vain. On January 13, Prakash caught Nandish while returning after meeting his wife and took him to his land on the pretext of talking.

Buried body

Heated argument ensued and in the melee, the accused bludgeoned Nandish with a club and later buried his body in his field. The accused took Nandish's mobile phone and threw it near a house in the village to create an alibi.

However, the Nandagudi police while analysing the call record details found out about Nandish's affair and suspected Nagesh's role. He was summoned for questioning and a detailed probe led him to confess.

The police exhumed the body of Nandish and sent it for autopsy.

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Quarter Year Ended 31st Dec 2022	₹ in Crores	Growth (yoy) %
NET PROFIT	279.70	37.86
NET INTEREST INCOME	534.27	18.00
GROSS NPA	591.08	-40.03
GROSS NPA%	1.70	-
NET NPA	259.10	-42.72
NET NPA%	0.75	-
ROA(*)	2.00%	23.46
ROE(*)	17.14%	4.64
EPS	17.66	24.02
CASA	12851	10.15
GROSS ADVANCES	34802	8.77

*Annualised

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1172.88	1141.49	1213.36	3456.14	3445.46	4646.12
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	371.88	355.35	288.33	1046.41	844.67	1124.61
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	371.88	355.35	288.33	1046.41	844.67	1124.61
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	279.70	262.30	202.88	776.21	594.96	821.91
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Equity Share Capital	158.35	158.35	142.51	158.35	142.51	142.51
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year	-	-	-	-	-	5193.19
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	a) Basic:	17.66	17.99	14.24	52.13	41.75	57.67
	b) Diluted:	17.66	17.99	14.24	52.13	41.75	57.67

NOTE:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Nine Months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Nine Months Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Bank's Website (www.tmb.in)
2. Information relating to Total comprehensive income and other comprehensive income is not furnished as Ind AS is not yet made applicable to banks.

Place : Chennai
Date : 23.01.2023

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
S. Krishnan
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(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Phone:080-22278813/14/15/16
Fax No.080-22213172 **www.ksmc.karnataka.gov.in**

No. KSMCL/PROD/NDM/258/Tender/C&S/2022-23 **Date: 23-01-2023**

e-Tender Invitation

KSMCL invites e-Tender for work of Drilling, Excavation Crushing and Screening of Dolomite Ore at Nerelekere Dolomtie Mine (NDM), Bagalkot District and Taluk, under e-tendering system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.

Calendar of Events:

Tender Reference	:	No.KSMCL/PROD/NDM/258/ Tender/C&S/2022-23/2923
Commencement to Download from website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in	:	From 23-01-2023
Last date for receiving pre-bid queries	:	03-02-2023 at 5:00 p.m.
Pre-bid meeting at H O of KSMCL	:	08-02-2023 at 11:30 a.m.
Last date and time for uploading of e-tender in E-procurement platform	:	23-02-2023 up to 5:00 p.m.
Opening of Technical Bid in e-portal	:	28-02-2023 at 11:00 a.m.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	:	Rs.6,18,750/-
Address for communication	:	**Executive Director Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited** TTMC, 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.

DIPR/CP/RO4270/AAPL/2022-23 **Sd/- GENERAL MANAGER (P)**

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Civil Engineering Division, Bannimantapa, Mysuru.

NO: KST:EEM:JE:692:2022-23 **Date: 23.01.2023**

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 36/37/38/2022-23

Item wise tenders are invited for the notification no.36, 37 and 38 work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance at 1999, and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-procurement. The contractors/firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e., **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. amount put to tender (In Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Repairs to Subramanya bus station toilet block (6th Call)	8.04	20,100/-
2.	Extension of toilet block and other repair works at Hanuru Bus station (3rd Call)	6.75	16,875/-
3.	Construction of Bus station at Santhe bachahalli, K.R. Pete Taluk, Mandya District.	104.95	2,00,000/-

(1) Last date for Receipt of tenders: 14.02.2023 (2) Interested Bidders can login to the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details on or after **30.01.2023 (3)** Any other information required can be had from the Office of The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandella Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours Tele Phone No. **0821-2498828.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KSRTC, CE Division, Mysuru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHALAKSHMI D/o Dharmalingam R/o No.11, 20th Cross, Halasuru, Bengaluru - 560008 have changed my name to Atiya vide affidavit dt: 12.01.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, JAISHREE.K, D/o Krishna, R/o.10/11, 3rd Cross, Mariyannapalya, Amruth Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore-24 shall henceforth be called as Sanjana.K by virtue affidavit dt.21.1.2023 before Notary A.Idinabba, Bangalore.

I, NANDAPPA, S/o Basanna, R/at No.6, Sri Nidhi Nilaya, 2nd Cross, R K G Layout, Akshayanagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my minor daughter's name from Nidhi to Nidhi Nandappa Patil vide affidavit dated 23-01-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, SAVITRI, W/o Nandappa Basanna, R/at No.6, Sri Nidhi Nilaya, 2nd Cross, R K G Layout, Akshayanagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from Savitri to Savitri Nandappa vide affidavit dated 23-01-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANAULLA Bashirahmed, R/a 3rd Cross, Mruthunjaya Nagar, Ranibennr, Haveri, Karnataka-581115 have changed my name to Sanaulla Yallapur vide affidavit dt: 13.01.2023 sworn before Notary M.Shafiq Ahmed, B'lore.

I, NANDAPPA, S/o Basanna, R/at No. 6, Sri Nidhi Nilaya, 2nd Cross, R K G Layout, Akshayanagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016 have changed my name from Nandappa to Nandappa Basanna vide affidavit dated 23-01-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, Alekhya Dasari W/O, Vinod Krishna Jagarlamudi R/o H084, Sjr Palazzacity, Bangalore have changed my name to Alekhya Jagarlamudi for all purposes.

LOST & FOUND

Chennakeshava M S/o M. L Madaiah residing at 88, 2 nd main, 5 th cross, BSK 3 rd stage, Bangalore–85. I further declare that I have lost my site original sale deed No.BK/01/2844 volume pages 230-238 dated 08.01.2003/KRP 15109/2002/03 site No.15 B khata No.111/15, Tanisandra, Bangalore. if found please contact 9844069555

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT

TDB/EEE/E tender-07/2022-23 23-01-2023

Travancore Devaswom Board intends to setup an Aravana Container Manufacturing Facility, for which it requires a consultant in having experience in setting up similar projects from concept to commissioning. A detailed RFP Cum EOI has been uploaded in E-Tender Site "**www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**". Interested competent parties in this field can participate in the E-Tender. The details of the same are available in "**www.travancoredevaswomboard.org**"
The tender id : **2023_TDB_552067_1**
Last date of submission of the bid is **01/02/2023, 11 AM**

Sd/-
Phone- 94462 87740 **Executive Engineer, Electrical**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O & M Circle Office "Shakthi Soudha", Bondel, Mangalore - 575015
Ph: 0824-2443549 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಅಇಂ/ಮಂಪ್ರ/ಸಹಾನಿಇಂ(ವಿ)ಕಇಂ(ಸಿ)/ಕ–6/2022–23/8738–748 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.01.2023

Brief Tender Notification

MESCOM invites Civil Engineering Capital and Repair Works of Mangalore Circle (Mangalore Division-5, Kavoor-1 and Bantavala Division-1) through e-procurement portal from registered PWD Contractors having EPF, ESI, GST and Labour registration. For Details NIT and to participate in the Tenders through e-procurement directly you can access the tendering webstie **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from date **27.01.2023 at 11.00 hrs** onwards further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) O & M Circle, Mangalore

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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Tender Notification Postponement Dt:23.01.2023

The Calendar events of the short term Tender notification No. 26/2022-23 Dt:17-01-2023 called by the undersigned through E-portal has been postponed on 23-01-2023 is rescheduled due to e-portal technical reasons. (1) Downloading the tender documents through E-portal website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 24-01-2023 to 02-02-2023, Opening of Technical bid 03-02-2023, 5 .00PM. Remaining conditions etc., are holds and good. For further details contact in the undersigned office between 10.30 AM to 5.30 PM on every working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

ಪ್ರಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನ/ಪ್ರಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/997/2022–23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
NO:KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3791 Dated:21.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION- Call-2

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1)** Drone survey for Land Acquisition in back waters of Almatti Reservoir between 519.600 mtr & 524.256 mtr - **Indent No. 23162 Rs. 126.75 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 24-01-2023 to 07-02-2023 up to 5-00 PM. Pre bid meeting Date. 03-02-2023 at 11-00AM to 12-00PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 09-02-2023 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 13-02-2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnatak.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.

Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com
No: EEPWDGDG PB- Different Head : 2022-23: 5739 Dt : 23-01-2023

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division, Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of 15 work of total amount of Rs. **393.89** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **1.53** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **230.00** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW- 1 2 3 & 4 through e-procurement. - **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/**
(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **30-01-2023**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **06-02-2023** (c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date : **07-02-2023** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **08-02-2023**
Work Indent No:- 163936, 163937 ST, 161331-ST, 163708-SC, 163474, 163340, 163339-SC, 163846, 163848, 164017, 164019, 160390, 142324, 164196 and 164197

The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/598/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.**

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BENGALURU

Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065.

No. EO/SPO/e-Proc/132/2022-23 **Date:20.01.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1 & KG-2, from the reputed firms for procurement of the following Equipment's from Sl No. **1 to 8**. The details of the KG-1 & KG-2, Tender Notification, Schedule, Specifications are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The cost of the Tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.

Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for uploading the tender**: 08.02.2023 upto 4:00 p.m**. The Financial bid will be opened on **10.02.2023 at 10.30 a.m**. in the Tender Committee room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: **www.uasbangalore.edu.in**. Help Desk- 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 **hphelpdesk.blr@intervo.com** The University of Agricultural Sciences reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/4273/2022-23 **Estate Officer.**

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಪತ್ರ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1964 ಕಲಂ 17(1)(2)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ)

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1	ಚಿಕ್ಕತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮಹಾಲಿಂಗ ಸಿ.	15080031400120424	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	138.96	9.18
2	ರಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ	1247/7.47ಬಿ	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	55.74	4.50
3	ದೊಡ್ಡಲಿಂಗೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗೇಗೌಡ.	150800301400120486	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	147.34	9.50
4	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ. ಶೃತಿ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ.	150800301400220432	ಕಟ್ಟಡ	55.18	12.57
5	ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿ. ಬಸವರಾಜು.	150800301400220431	ಕಟ್ಟಡ	55.18	12.57
6	ನಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ	473/3.72ಸಿ	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	12.32	6.23
7	ಬಾಲು ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ	473/3.72ಇ	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	12.85	6.76
8	ರಾಜೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಶಿವರಾಮೇಗೌಡ	474/3.73	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	12.58	6.49
9	ಚಿನ್ನಮುತ್ತು	473/3.72ಬಿ	ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ	13.61	13.61
			ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		81.41

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಮಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಹನೂರು
ಹೋಬಳಿ : ಹನೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಖಾತೆ ನಂ/ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ.ನಂ	ನಿವೇಶನ/ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ವಿವರ	ಖಾತೆಯಂತೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಚ.ಮೀ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಚ.ಮೀ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
10	ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕವೀರಯ್ಯ.	150800301600121087	ಕಟ್ಟಡ & ನಿವೇಶನ	112.97	12.55
			ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		12.55

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ಹೋಬಳಿ : ಹನೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಖಾತೆ ನಂ/ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ.ನಂ	ನಿವೇಶನ/ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ವಿವರ	ಖಾತೆಯಂತೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಚ.ಮೀ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಚ.ಮೀ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
11	ಕೆ.ಕೆ. ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಎ.ಕಾಂತರಾಜಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	3–7–4	ಕಟ್ಟಡ	34.71	2.60
12	ಶಾರದ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಎನ್ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ	2–3–38/1	ಕಟ್ಟಡ	123.91	11.52
13	ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಗುಪ್ತ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ವಿ.ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	2–3–34	ಕಟ್ಟಡ	59.08	42.40
			ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		56.52

ಸಹಿ/–
(ಪಿ. ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ, ಕ.ಆ.ಸೇ)
ವಿಶೇಷ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಭೂಸ್ವಾ), ಯೋ.ಅ.ಘ., ಕ.ರಾ.ಹೆ.ಅ.ಯೋ., ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/4271/MAA/2022–23

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/2911 Dated : 12-01-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system only

1) Name of work: Aland taluka-09 (Indent No 44147, 43576, 44170, 44103, 46121, 49344, 49775 call-2, 47415 call-2 & 43095 call-2) Jewargi taluka-04(Indent no 54090, 54089, 54092 & 54091) Sedam taluka-01(Indent no 53359) Chincholi taluka -01(Indent No 48325 call-2, 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & II & above, 4) Tender Amount: **Min 52,00,000/- Max 1,50,00,000/-**, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **18-01-2023 11:00am**, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **30-01-2023 4.00pm**, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: **31-01-2023 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid : **02-02-2023 11:00am**, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Kalaburagi/1157/MC&A/2022-23 **RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(RURAL DEVELOPMET & PANCHAYT RAJ DEPT.)

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering , Division Yadgir - 585202

No.EE/PRED/YDG/TENDER/TA-3/5054/2022-23/1154 Date:12-01-2023

E-Procurement Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Yadgir here by invites separate (KW-4 Two Cover) Technical & Financial Bid Tender on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor Kamataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved Under 5054 Hon'ble CM Spl. Grant For The Year 2022-23 details as below

Works details 1) CONSTRUCTION OF PORTECTION WALL @ CH: 0.77 IN CHENNUR TO GNDENOOR ROAD AND BALANCE ROAD FROM ADAKAL BANDI CROSS TO KONGANDI IN WADAGERA TQ. DIST. YADGIR INDENT NO. RDPR/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT98470 2) Amount put to Tender Rs. 2,08,27,293-91 3) Eligibility of Contractors Class-1 and Above 4) Date of Commencement of downloading of bidding document Date: 16-01-2023 to 27-01-2023 5) Cost of Tender form and EMD as per e-Procurement 6) Last Date to Submit bids on e-portal Date: 27-01-2023 before 4.00 pm 7) Opening of Technical Bid Date: 30-01-2023 after 11.00 am 8) Opening of Financial Bid Date: 06-02-2023 after 11.00 am 9) For more information contact Executive Engineer, PRE Division Station Area Yadgir 10) web site http://eproc karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-Procurement system only

Note: Pre Bid Meeting Date 23-01-2023 at Executive Engineer P.RE. Division, Office, Station Road, Yadgir.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Yadagiri/427/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23 **P.R.E. Division Yadgir**

City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

Website: www.chikkaballapurcity.gov.in Phone : 08156-275557
Fax : 08156-274742 e-mail: itstaff_ulb_chickballapur@yahoo.co.in

No.: CMCC/TS/T.N./CR/28/2022-23 Date: 17.01.2023

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura invites Itemwar Rate Tenders (in e-procurement system) as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, from authorized, eligible class of civil contractors registered in PWD and registered NGOs for implementation of the below mentioned works under 15th Finance General Basic Scheme Balance Grant for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22. Those interested can submit Tender online through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be viewed in **www.chikkaballapurcity.mrc.gov.in**

(1) Last date for submission of objections regarding filled Tender: **02.02.2023 up to 11.00 AM. (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders through website: **02.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM. (3)** Date of opening the Tender: **04.02.2023 at 11.00 AM.** If the above mentioned dates are declared as public holidays, then the next days will be considered

(1) Name of the work: Package-I: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145422. **Approx. Amount of Work:** Rs. 30.00 lakhs. **(2) Name of the work:** DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145576. **Approx. Amount of Work:** Rs. 17.67 lakhs. **(3) Name of the work:** DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145579. **Approx. Amount of Work:** Rs. 3.60 lakhs. **Head of Account:** for all the above works 15th Finance General Basic Scheme Balance Grant for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22. **Class of Eligible Contractors:** Eligible Class PWD Contractors for all the above works. **Time period fixed for completion of work:** 3 Months for all the above works.

Sd/-
President
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through E-procurement. Last date for submission of bid: **14.02.2023 upto 4.00 p.m.**

Name of work: Construction of Commercial Complex Multiplex in Commercial Site No.955 at Suryanagar Phase-I KHB layout, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. Work Indent KHB/2022-23/BD/ WORK INDENT 1105 & IFT No.249/2022-23, Date: 21.01.2023 Amount put to tender **Rs.93,37,63,413/-.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077 website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO4266/22-23 Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.1/T.No.57/2022-23 Dt: 18.01.2023

Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 3
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-1 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 01 work under 8443 Deposit Works Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Amount Put to Tender Rs.2673.35 Lakhs, EMD Amt Rs.26,73,350/-).

1. Last date for tender information queries: **01.02.2023** : 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender. : **02.02.2023** : 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. : **03.02.2023** : 16.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. : **04.02.2023 :** 16.30. **Note:** Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
DIPR/TUM/890/KSMCA/2022-23 PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕುಮಟಾ
ರಥಬೀದಿ, ಕುಮಟಾ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-581343,
ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 08386-222020 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: cokumta@yahoo.com
ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.kumatatown.mrc.gov.in
ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ:ಹುಸಕು:ಕಾವಿ:ಎಸ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಸಿಎಲ:ಅಟೆಂಪ್ರ:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-01-2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕುಮಟಾ ಸಹಿ/- ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕುಮಟಾ
DIPR/ADK/MCA/854/22-23 dt. 20.01.23

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(ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: **No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-4/4701: 2022-23 : 2958/10 Dated:.20.01.2023**

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರವರು, ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಪಿ/ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ **KW-2 (**Standard tender Bid Document) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 35431, 35433, 35435, 35436, 35438, 35440 & 35442 ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.01.2023 ರಿಂದ 30.01.2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.01.2023 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತ - ರೂ 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :- 7 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗಿಕರೀಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/836/ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23 ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No. 16/2022-23 (Turnkey Basis Method) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 19.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated: 19.01.2023

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A 4702-00-101-3-01-139- Lift Irrigation Scheme, from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/ MI. Tender publishing details are as given below.

1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: **20.01.2023.** 2. Pre bid meeting will be conducted on Office of the Superindent Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Circle, Bangalore on Dated: **30.01.2023** at 11.00 Hours.3. Last date of queries on Dated: **30.01.2023** at 16.00 Hours. 4. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 16.00 Hours on Dated: **06.02.2023** 5. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **07.02.2023** at 16.05 Hours.

For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/900/MCA/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001
Tel: (080) 22215601, 22211246, FAX: 080 22215602

No: DYES/AP/29/2016-17 Date: 21.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), invites tender from the eligible contractors for the following work:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD
1	Construction of taluk level stadium at Haliyal, Uttar Kannada district.	Rs. 126.05 Lakhs	Rs. 2,00,000/-

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

a) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through e-Procurement Portal: **06.02.2023, 16.00 Hrs b)** Opening of technical bid: **07.02.2023, 16.30 Hrs c)** Opening of Commercial Offers: **Will be intimated.**

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
DIPR/CP/4253/ Adverto/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(BHADRA COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ಇಂ/ಭ.ಕಾ/ಎ-2/PMKSY/ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2022-23/518
Dt : 23.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION IFT-04
(Through e-procurement portal only)

On behalf of the Administrator, Bhadra CADA, Malavagoppa, Shivamogga, The under signed invites tenders under the H/A 2705 Central (PMKSY) from Class-III and above contractors for the FIC work of Amount put to tender value Rs. 101.98 Lakhs, for the year 2022-23. The tenders are invited in KW-4 bid document through http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and in Two cover system as per KTPP Act -1999 & rules 2000. The bidders can access to e-tender from 23.01.2023 to 31.01.2023 till 4.00 pm, Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications is 27.01.2023 4.00 pm. Technical bid will be opened on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am and the financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical bid from Competent authority at the office of Executive Engineer, Engineering Division No-2, Bhadra CADA, Ranebennur.

Sd/- Executive engineer, engineering division-2,
Bhadra CADA, Ranebennur-581115.
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli), BBMP Office CMC Building, Begur Road, Bommanahalli Zone, Bangalore-560068.

No: SADH/Tender/PR/151/2022-23 Date: 21.01.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Only Through GOK e-Procurement Portal)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for development of Lakes.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works / Category	Estimated amount (Rs.)	EMD 2% (in Rs.)
1	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-1 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(Others)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
2	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-2 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(Others)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
3	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-3 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(Others)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
4	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-4 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(Others)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
5	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-5 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(ST)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
6	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-6 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(SC)**	**15,00,000/-**	30,000/-
7	Landscape Development of Work in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Gubbalala Main Road Part-7 in Bommanahalli Zone. **(SC)**	**20,00,000/-**	40,000/-
8	Maintenance of Park Drilling of 165 MM Dia New borewell and providing electrification & Distribution of pipe line to park at Jayanagara Housing Society park Gubbalala Main road in ward no: 184 Uttarahalli Bommanhalli Zone **(Others)**	**15,00,000/-**	30,000/-
9	Maintenance and Landscape development of Jaraganahalli Park in ward no: 186 in Bommanhalli Zone **(Others)**	**10,00,000/-**	20,000/-
10	Maintenance of Park at ward no: 174 HSR Layout Sector-3 Swabhimana Park in Bommanhalli Zone **(Others)**	**32,60,000/-**	65,200/-

Stipulated Period of Completion: **Sl. No 1 to 9 (03 Months) Sl. No: 10 (12 Months)**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of GOK from: **24.01.2023** (2) Tender Closing Date: **09.02.2023, 4.30 PM.** (3) Technical Bid opening Date: **13.02.2023, 11.30 A.M.** (4) Financial Bid opening Date: **Intimated Later.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli), BBMP

தිருவள்ளுவர் பல்கலைக்கழகம்
THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY
Serkkadu, Vellore - 632 115

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Notice No.TVU/R/ODVS/Examination/2022-2023/2023/ DATE: 24.01.2023

Inviting sealed tender under two cover systems in respect of Online Digital Valuation System (ODVS) for Thiruvalluvar University Examinations for a period of **three years /six semester examinations.** The details of the scope of work and terms and conditions are prescribed in tender documents, which can be downloaded from the Thiruvalluvar University website i.e **www.tvu.edu.in.**

1. Tender Document Issue Date : **From 24.01.2023 up to 01 .00 P.M. on 23.02.2023**
2. Last Date of Receipt of Tender Bid documents : **23.02.2023 - 3.00 P.M.**
3. Opening of Technical : **23.02.2023 - 4.00 PM**

The University reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof

DIPR/406/TENDER/2023 **REGISTRAR i/c**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2022-23/40 Date: 17.01.2023

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR COLLECTION OF ROAD USER FEE

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) proposes to invite bids from reputed company / partnership firm / proprietary firm / individuals for **Collection of User Fee from Toll Plazas near Chattar and Tippanal Villages on Mudgal - Tavaregere - Kanakgiri - Gangawathi (SH-29) having a length of 74.10 km in the State of Karnataka.** Interested bidders can participate through e-procurement portal and documents can be downloaded from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date of receipt of tender is on **07.02.2023 upto 17.30 hours** & Technical bids will be opened on **09.02.2023 at 11.30 hours.**

Note: Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through News Papers and further changes if any, will be updated only on e-portal / KRDCL Website **http://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
DIPR/CP/BCPL/4267/2022-23 **KRDCL, Bengaluru**

Government of Karnataka
(Water Resources Department)
Bhadra Command Area Development Authority
Engineering Division Malavagoppa,
Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577222
No:BCS/E.Division/T.Branch/Tender/22-23/559 D:23.01.2023

Itemwise Short-Term Tender Notice Invitation for Tender as per KW-2 and KW-3 (IFT – 08/2022-23)

Head of Account: KNNL Capital Grant - CADA

On behalf of the Hon'ble Administrator, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga, the Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, Bhadra Command Area Development Authority, Malavagoppa, Shivamogga invites Itemwise Short-Term Tenders through e-procurement as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act – 1999, Rules – 2000 and Regulations 2017 from eligible class 3 and above contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department/ Water Resources Department/Panchayat Raj Engineering Department for Works of constructing Under Ground **Land Reclamation Work** Canal in Single Cover System and **Field Draine Work and Ayacut Road work** Command Area Road in two cover system.

Details are as below: 1. Date of accessing tender in e-procurement: From 23.01.2023 to 31.01.2023. **2.** Last date for submission of filled bids: 31.01.2023 up to 4.00 PM **3.** Date of opening Single Cover (financial & technical bid) and Two Cover (technical bid): 02.02.2023 after 11.00 AM **4.** Date of opening Two Cover (financial bid): 04.02.2023 After 11.00 AM.

Further information regarding the works, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Engineering Division, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga, during office hours or from website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Engineering Division, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/no.172/01/22-23/1740

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 903/SE(E)/Tr(W&M)/EE(E)/T-1/22-23/CYS-67 Date: 23.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites tenderss for the following works:

1) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/22-23/110KV/STN-27/ 110kV Bellati/2. Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer alongwith switchgear at 110kV Bellati sub-station in Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments/ materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on Partial Turnkey Basis.

2) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/22-23/110KV/STN-28/ Gajendragad/2. Providing additional 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer along with 11kV Switchgear at 110kV Gajendragada sub-station in Gajendragada Taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments/ materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on Partial Turnkey Basis.

3) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/ AEE-1/2022-23/220KV SRS/3 Renovation and Modernization of 33kV line bays at 220kV SRS, KPTCL, Hubballi.

4) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)AEE-1/ 2022-23/Tarihal/3 Replacement of age old 110kV line & Bus Isolators at 110kV sub-station in Tarihal, KPTCL, Hubballi.

5) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)AEE-1/ 2022-23/11kV AP/Hubballi. Replacement of Age-old and Faulty 11kV Annunciation Desk by new at 220kV SRS, KPTCL, Hubballi, in TL&SS Division, Hubballi on Partial Turnkey Basis.

6) Bid Enq. No. KPCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)AEE-1/ 2022-23/11kV AP/RNR. Replacement of Faulty 11kV Bank-1&2 Annunciator Desk having only Annunciation by New Good Annunciator and Control Desk at 220KV R/s Rannebennur in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri on Total Turnkey Basis.

The details about the above works through e-procurement mode e-procurement website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **25.01.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elec., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTL, Karwar Road, Vidyuth Nagara, Hubballi.**

ಜಲ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಮೇಯೋ, ಪುನರವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.3, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ, (ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ) ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ.

ಸಂ:ಕೃಮೇಯೋ/ಪುವಿ-3/ಯೋ.ವಿ-3/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/1691 ದಿ:21-01-2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಮೇಯೋ: ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ-3, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ (ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ) ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗಳಾದ ಮುಧೋಳ, ಬೀಳಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೃ.ಭಾ.ಜ.ನಿ.ನಿ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ **(KW-4ರನ್ವಯ)** ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in ದಿನಾಂಕ:24-01-2023 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:07-02-2023 ರವರೆಗೆ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.** ಈ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. **(ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮೋ ಸಂ: 9620891 02, 9108335489)**

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಮೇಯೋ, ಪುನರವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ-3, ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ,
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಬಾ/807/2022-23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University
P.B. No. 6, Nandinagar, Bidar-585 226, Karnataka

No.R/KVAFSU (B)/Rectt/Teaching/Athani/2022-23 Date: 20-01-2023

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Sub: Direct Recruitment of Teaching posts ..reg
Ref: 1. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸಂ: ಪಸಂಮೀ/73/ಪಅಸೇ/2021 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-10-2022
2. Approval of the Vice Chancellor Dt. 20-1-2023

Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar invites Applications from the eligible Candidates for recruitment of various teaching posts. The detailed vacancy position, prescribed qualifications, score card, General instructions and other details can be downloaded from the University website www.kvafsu.edu.in. The candidates who fulfill the eligibility requirment can submit the application in online mode only from University website **www.kvafsu.edu.in** from **25-01-2023 to 24-02-2023.**

By order
Sd/-
(Sivasankar.S. IFS)
REGISTRAR

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Health Officer (West), Bhashyam Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru

No.: HO(W)/PR/2369/2022-23 Date: 23.01.2023

NOTIFICATION
Regarding the opening of Jan Aushadhi Shop at the newly starting Subrahmanyanagar Primary Health Center under Malleswaram Assembly Constituency, West Zone

In order to provide high quality generic medicines to the poor people at affordable rates Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike hereby invites application to start Jan Aushadhi Shops under the Central Government's Jan Aushadhi Program, in Subramanyanagar, Ward No. 62 (Old Ward 66), Near Garadimane, 8th Cross, B Block, Subramanyanagar, Bengaluru-560021 from eligible Non-Government Organizations, Charitable Organizations, Unemployed Youth, and Graduate Pharmacists to apply with the following required documents.

Documents:

1. Non-Governmental Organizations, Charitable Institutions:
a. Registration letter of said organization and letter of employment in said organization.
b. Pharmacy Letter of Pharmacists.
c. Aadhaar and PAN card.
d. Address of Jan Aushadhi Center applying for.

2. Graduate Pharmacists and Unemployed Youth:
a. Pharmacy Letter of Pharmacists.
b. Aadhaar and PAN card.
c. Address of Jan Aushadhi Center applying for.

Place of Submission of Application: Office of the Health Officer (West), Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bhashyam Park, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.

Last Date and Time for Submission of Application: Date: **24.01.2023** Time **10:30 AM** to **5:00 PM.**

Sd/-, Health Officer (West),
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Mysore
Notification

Short Term Tender Notification No: 38 /2022-23 Dated :18.01.2023

short term tender notification is as below.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders (Single & Two cover system) has been called for the following Tender works Under Rate Tender, as per Tender Documents and as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 20.01.2023 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is **31.01.2023 upto 4.00 PM**, Opening of Technical bid **01.02.2023 at 11.00 AM** onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Government registered Class 3 & above Civil as per KW-2 & KW-4 tender documents are eligible to participate in the tender process for 01 work in K R Nagara taluk, 02 works in Saraguru taluk (Amount put to tender starts from Rs.31.45 lakhs to Rs. 132.51 lakhs) & pre bid meeting is on 23.01.2023 at 11.00 am for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Portal No.1/1 Sun Beam Building Eagle Street Long ford road, Long ford town Bangalore -560025 Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, RDW&S, Division,Mysore
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Cong. blames 'corruption by BJP' for civic apathy and crumbling infrastructure

The government is not holding BBMP elections fearing defeat, says Siddaramaiah; protests held simultaneously at 280 road kerbs, 26 flyovers, and 51 metro stations across the city

Members of the Congress staging a protest against the BJP government at Hebbal in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition Congress alleged that civic apathy and crumbling infrastructure in the city had hit Brand Bengaluru and blamed the "40% commission" corruption for it, while holding simultaneous protests at 357 locations across the city on Monday, with a slogan "Bhrashtachara Tolagisi, Bengaluru Ulisi" (Root-out Corruption, Save Bengaluru).

The protests were held simultaneously at 280 road kerbs, 26 flyovers, and 51 metro stations in Bengaluru with former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Congress president D.K. Shivakumar, Karnataka in-charge Randeep Surjewala, and other Congress leaders staging a protest at Trinity Circle in the Central Business District (CBD).

"Pothole-ridden roads, sinkholes, poor quality of metro work leading to accidents, faulty construction of steel bridge, roads that were laid for Prime Minister's visit being damaged within 48 hours are all evidence of the corruption of BJP. Even a small rain in the city exposes the corruption of the State government. The BJP has also made garden city into ganja city," alleged Karnataka Congress in a series of tweets.

"Corruption has increased under the BJP regime, resulting in the pathetic condition of the city's infrastructure. Now, the commission to the BJP politicians by contractors has increased from 40% to 50%. Recently, I met street vendors who claimed that they are being harassed by police and city municipal officials. Street vendors said that money collected from them by police is ₹1 crore per police station every month. Every day, the police collect ₹500 from street vendors in Bengaluru," alleged Mr. Shivakumar.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the BJP government, fearing defeat, was not conducting Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections. "If the BBMP elections are conducted now, our party will win majority of the seats," he added.

Traffc snarls in CBD

Though the Congress protest was organised on the kerbside, CBD areas, including M.G. Road, Trinity Circle, Raj Bhavan Road, Queens road, Infantry Road, Halasuru Road, and surrounding areas in Shivaji Nagar reported traffic snarls on January 23 till afternoon, according to the traffic police.

Will hand over graft cases during Congress regime to Lokayukta: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The protest by Congress over alleged corruption by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the State seems to have rankled the ruling party, prompting the Chief Minister to announce that the government would hand over probe into a host of cases of alleged corruption against the previous Congress government to Karnataka Lokayukta.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that the government will hand 59 cases of corruption allegations against Congress leaders to Lokayukta. "The ACB was created to close all these 59 cases and the ACB filed B-report in all of them. We will recommend Lokayukta probe in all these cases."

"Congress does not have moral right to speak about corruption after closing down Lokayukta," he said responding to Congress' "Root-out Corruption, Save Bengaluru" campaign. "Why did they close down Lokayukta ? They are trying to teach us a lesson after acting against Lokayukta to cover up their misdeeds."

He said: "Congress is the fountain head of corruption. Siddaramaiah government created a record by giving 60% premium for work amounting to ₹800 crore. Speaking about corruption after giving 60% premium amount shows their double standards. They are making allegations of corruption now to protest themselves. We have given a complaint to Lokayukta. If they have any complaint, they can approach Lokayukta too."

The Chief Minister also sought to refute the allegation that Brand Bengaluru was affected and its infrastructure was crumbling. In a series of tweets, he listed out various schemes and allocation of funds for the city under their government, and claimed: "Due to our Govt's unwavering emphasis on growth and development, Bengaluru is firmly entrenched on the path of progress. We have allocated ₹6000 crore to BBMP for Bengaluru Development under Amruth Nagarothana Programme. ₹600 crore released for flood relief works".

Scientists develop brain-like computing with industry compatible nitride semiconductors

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A team of scientists from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) have used scandium nitride (ScN) and Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor (CMOS) compatibility to develop brain-like computing.

This invention can provide a new material for stable, CMOS-compatible optoelectronic synaptic functionalities at a relatively lower energy cost and also potential to be translated into an industrial product.

According to the Department of Science and Technology, the JNCASR team led by Dheemahi Rao who were working on nitride-based materials used their background for developing hardware for neuromorphic computing. They used ScN to develop a device mimicking a synapse that controls the signal transmission as well as remembers the signal.

"The JNCASR team demonstrates an artificial optoelectronic synapse with ScN thin films that can mimic synaptic functionalities like short-term memory, long-term memory, the transition from short-term to long-term memory, learning-forgetting, frequency selective optical filtering, frequency-dependent potentiation and depression, Hebbian learning, and logic-gate operations," states the department.

Compared to the existing materials used to demonstrate optoelectronic synapse, ScN is more stable, CMOS compatible, and can be seamlessly integrated with existing Si technology. It can act as a platform for both excitatory and inhibitory functions. The industrial processing techniques of ScN are similar to the existing semiconductor fabrication infrastructure. Response to the optical stimuli also has the advantage of possible integration with photonic circuits known for higher speed and broader bandwidth than electronic circuits.

"Our work enables neuromorphic computing research with a stable, scalable, and CMOS-compatible III-nitride semiconductor that exhibits both excitatory and inhibitory synaptic functionalities-,"said Bivas Saha, Assistant Professor, JNCASR.

Researchers from University of Sydney also participated in this study published recently in the scientific journal Advanced Electronic Materials.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nagaraj S/o Ramachandra Hegde, presently R/a No.152, G.Floor, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main, Vinayaka Layout, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore - 560090 do here by solemnly affirm and state oath as that earlier my name was Nagaraj in my Educational Records, Passport, but since Aadhaar, PAN, Voter ID, Bank records and in other official records my name has been mentioned as Nagaraj Hegde hence my true, correct and continue my name as **Nagaraj Hegde (Correct name)** only in all their future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit sworn before Advocate and Notary A.C.Subbu Swamy on 23.01.2023.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

(₹ in Lakh)

S.No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		QUARTER ENDED			9-MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED	QUARTER ENDED			9-MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED
		31.12.2022 (REVIEWED)	30.09.2022 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2021 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2022 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2021 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2022 (AUDITED)	31.12.2022 (REVIEWED)	30.09.2022 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2021 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2022 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2021 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2022 (AUDITED)
1	Total income from operations (net)	268267	244459	218995	743352	654808	875749	268472	244685	219253	743979	655492	876646
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	51706	40643	30699	115955	62418	101270	51768	40664	30815	116067	62701	101672
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	51706	40643	30699	115955	62418	74270	51768	40664	30815	116067	62701	74672
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	31159	24349	17395	72105	38936	50156	30716	23972	16897	70790	37602	49485
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period {Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)}	Refer Note No. 2						Refer Note No. 2					
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	9616	9616	9330	9616	9330	9330	9616	9616	9330	9616	9330	9330
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year						697052						694047
8	Securities Premium Account	185111	185111	176047	185111	176047	176047	185111	185111	176047	185111	176047	176047
9	Net Worth	789553	757820	694600	789553	694600	706382	785233	753943	690932	785233	690932	703377
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	288100	186000	200000	288100	200000	236000						
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-						
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.36	0.25	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.33						
13	Total Debts to total assets	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02						
14	Operating Margin (%)	20.28%	19.77%	15.03%	18.95%	15.28%	15.22%						
15	Net Profit Margin (%)	11.61%	9.96%	7.94%	9.70%	5.95%	5.73%						
16	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (₹ 1/- each) for continuing and discontinued operations												
	Basic : (* not annualized)	3.24*	2.53*	1.86*	7.50*	4.88*	6.04	3.19*	2.49*	1.81*	7.36*	4.72*	5.96
	Diluted : (* not annualized)	3.24*	2.53*	1.86*	7.50*	4.88*	6.04	3.19*	2.49*	1.81*	7.36*	4.72*	5.96
17	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-						
18	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-						

NOTE :
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter/Nine Months ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarter/Nine Months ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on Bank's website www.jkbank.com
2. Information relating to Total comprehensive Income and Other Comprehensive Income is not furnished as Ind AS is not yet made applicable to Banks.

For And On behalf of the Board
Baldev Prakash
Managing Director & CEO
DIN : 09421701

Place : Gurugram
Dated : 23/01/2023

From Page One

State to have multiple tiger and leopard rehabilitation centres

A file photo of a leopard trapped from a conflict zone in Mysuru district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The plan is to construct multiple leopard sanctuaries each with a capacity to house at least 200 to 250 leopards and take care of them, said Mr. Pushkar.

At least 100 to 150 leopards are being captured in the State every year and hence rehabilitation centres - each with a capacity to house 200 to 250 leopards - have to be built every alternate year till the problem subsides in conflict zones, said Mr. Pushkar.

"We are looking at different models and the one at Jamnagar run by Reliance houses around 200 leopards and it could serve as a model not only for leopards but also tigers," he added.

"This is part of the long-term plan as in future the conflict is set to increase and hence the State wants to be prepared. Though it will be ideal to have one rehabilitation centre in every forest circle, we will start with places where the conflict is very high as in Hassan, Kodagu, and Mysuru," according to another official.

Recently, conservation biologist Sanjay Gubbi had written to the Chief Minister and senior officials of the Forest Department calling for establishing leopard rehabilitation centres given the rate at which they were being captured, and had also called for disbanding the translocation of captured leopards.

A senior official said the department was also thinking on similar lines as translocation was not solving the conflict issue, but was only shifting and spreading it. "Going forward, sterilisation of such animals will also be conceived once the basic facilities are in place," the official added.

Reservation in promotion of civil servants: High Court calls for fresh guidelines

Court says 2019 GO contains ambiguities and it will be appropriate to withdraw the GO and issue a fresh one to avoid any more confusion

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that it would be appropriate for the State government to issue fresh and comprehensive guidelines for implementing, without any ambiguities, the Karnataka Extension of Consequential Seniority to Government Servants Promoted on the basis of Reservation (to the posts in the civil services of the State) Act, 2017.

Stating that a Government Order (GO) issued on June 24, 2019, for implementing the 2017 Act, contains some ambiguities, the court said that it would be appropriate for the government to withdraw the GO, with a liberty to issue a fresh one to avoid any further confusion.

The fresh GO should contain comprehensive guidelines keeping in mind all the judgments of the Supreme Court, enunciating the law in particular as regards treatment of backlog vacancies in promotion, post-based reservation, addressing the issue of those from the reserved category being eligible in general merit, and such other relevant aspects, the court said.

Such a measure would go a long way in removing the avoidable ambiguities in implementation of the Act, the court pointed out.

Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav passed the order while rejecting petitions filed by B. Gurumurthy and other senior officers belonging to the general category, who were working in the posts of chief engineers, directors, managing directors in various power companies under the State government.

The petitioner-officers had questioned the legality of the GO and the provisional and the final seniority list of officers notified by the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL) based on the 2017 Act and the GO.

They had contended that promotion given to some of the officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes by the KPTCL was contrary to the law.

However, the court rejected their contention but found it necessary to advise the government to issue a fresh guidelines.

Meanwhile, the court clarified that the observations made regarding the ambiguities in the GO should not be construed as amounting to an adjudication regarding the invalidity of the GO, as the observations are made only in the context of calling upon the State for removal of ambiguities in executive instructions to ensure that the Act 2017, validity of which has been already upheld by the apex court, is implemented in its letter and spirit without giving rise to unnecessary litigation.

Dress rehearsal

The tableau from Karnataka 'Nari Shakti' on display during the rehearsal for the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on Monday. Representations of Padma awardees Sulagitti Narasamma, Tulasi Gowda, and Saalumarada Thimmakka are seen on the tableau. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

NABARD projects priority sector credit target of ₹3.59 lakh cr. for State in 2023-2024

The NABARD State Focus Paper released by I.S.N. Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, in Bengaluru on Monday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has projected priority sector credit target of ₹3.59 lakh crore for Karnataka during 2023-2024, which is 8% higher than the projection of the previous year, said the State Focus Paper for 2023-2024, which was released in Bengaluru on Monday.

According to Chief General Manager of NABARD T. Ramesh, of the total estimated credit potential of ₹3.59 lakh crore, the share of the agriculture sector, including agri infrastructure and ancillary activities, is ₹ 1.79 lakh crore (50%), the share of the MSME sector is ₹1.35 lakh crore (38%), and that of the other priority sector is ₹.45 lakh crore (12%).

Keeping in view the Union and the State governments' priorities for accelerating and sustaining agricultural growth and enhancing farmers' income, special thrust has been given to capital formation in agriculture and allied activities, he added.

The State Focus Paper is an aggregate of sector-specific potentials assessed through the district plans, and the paper also identifies the critical infrastructure gaps, other linkage support, and key policy issues requiring appropriate interventions from various stakeholders, a note from NABARD said.

INBRIEF

Drop VISL closure plan: HDD

The former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene against the plan to close the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Works (VISL) at Bhadravati.

In a letter, Mr. Gowda said that the livelihood of 20,000 families is at stake, and infusion of fresh investment to a tune of a few crores will help in revival of the unit.

Bose statue to be reinstalled on Vidhana Soudha premises

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday announced that the statue of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose, which was removed for Namma Metro work, will be reinstalled on the Vidhana Soudha premises.

"The order to reinstall the statue will be issued immediately. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was an inspiration to achieve freedom then and he is an inspiration to build the nation now," the Chief Minister said, during the birth anniversary celebrations of the freedom fighter here.

'B' team charge: HDK invites Surjewala for a public debate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Launching a counter-attack at Congress general secretary in charge of Karnataka, Randeep Surjewala, for calling the Janata Dal (Secular) the 'B' team of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Hassan recently, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday challenged him to have a public debate on who the BJP's 'B' team is.

"Let the debate be in front of the Vidhana Soudha. You come with your Siddapurusha (Siddaramaiah). Should I fix the time and date? Or will you fix it? I await for your response with patience," Mr. Kumaraswamy said on Twitter, adding that Mr. Surjewala had become a laughing stock by repeating the accusations.

Stating that Mr. Surjewala will be responsible for weakening the secular forces in Karnataka, he said: "Your legislature party leader (Mr. Siddaramaiah) was instrumental in allowing the State to boil communally by helping BJP to form the government and he was responsible for Operation Kamala."

In a series of tweets that also hit out at Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Kumaraswamy asked; "Who fixed the time to dislodge coalition government? Who rolled the dice in Dharmasthala, and Cauvery (Mr. Siddaramaiah's residence) against me and your Central leaders?"

BJP getting Modi to campaign as it is scared of Congress wave: Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reiterating his earlier decision to contest from the Kolar Assembly constituency if the High Command allowed him to do so, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Monday said that since there was a wave in favour of the Congress, the Bharatiya Janata Party will not come to power even if Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah visit Karnataka a hundred times.

"The BJP is scared of the pro Congress wave in the State and that is why they are bringing Mr. Modi to the State every week. The BJP is dreaming that Mr. Modi will give them power. Even if Mr. Modi and Mr. Shah come to the State a hundred times for election campaigning, the Congress will come to power," he said during the Congress' prajadwani convention at Kolar on Monday.

'No differences'

Speaking on the occasion, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said that there is no difference of opinion in the party, and that it has been controlled. "The party is bigger than any individual. I am confident that the voters in Kolar will back the Congress."

BJP will form govt. even if it does not get majority, says Jarkiholi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

"We will form a BJP government in Karnataka even if the party does not get majority," BJP MLA and former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi said in Gokak on Monday.

"I am sure that the BJP will win a majority of seats. But if that does not happen, the party will form the government. We will do whatever it takes to form our own government," he said. He was speaking at a party rally.

Mr. Jarkiholi has taken credit for the defection of the 17 Congress and Janata Dal(S) legislators to the BJP that brought down the coalition government led by H.D. Kumaraswamy.

'No sympathy'

He said that the Congress was an anti-Muslim, anti-Dalit party and that its leaders have no sympathy for the suffering of the poor. He criticised the Congress and other party leaders in Belagavi district.

He said that some very bad elements that were trying to campaign against him in Gokak.

"These are like worms in the mud. They raise their head only before elections. They will be sleeping in their burrows for four-and-a-half years, but come to Gokak a few months before elections and speak against me," he said.

He urged the crowd not to believe rumours that he will be quitting the BJP to join other parties. "It is not true. I will stay in the BJP till the end of my political career," he said.

Government of Karnataka

(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TS/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/2453 Date: 21.01.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos: **(1) 53528 (2) 53527 (3) 53529 (4) 53530 (5) 53533 (6) 53534 (7) 53535 (8) 53540 (9) 53539 (10) 53536 (11) 53537 (12) 53523 (13) 53522 (14) 53525 (15) 53526 (16) 52010 CALL-2 (17) 33100 CALL-6 (18) 48640 CALL-3 (19) 48643 CALL-3 (20) 48646 CALL-3**

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

Few conditions of the tender :

(1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors: **28.01.2023 & 29.01.2023 upto 5.30 PM.**
(2) Date of opening of Single Cover Financial bid : **30.01.2023 & 31.01.2023 at 11.30 A M.**
(3) Date of opening of Two Cover Technical bid: **30.01.2023 & 31.01.2023 at 11.30 AM.**
(4) Date of opening of Two Cover Financial bid : **01.02.2023 at 11.30 A M.**
(5) Specified time period for completion of works: Single Cover: **3 Months (90 Days) Two Cover: 6 months (180 days)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

DIPR/SMG/No.163/Zenkar/2022-23

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

Sri T M PADMANABHAN (77yrs)
Retd. Canara Bank &
Ex-Serviceman Indian Army
left for his Heavenly abode
on the 15-Jan-2023
Fondly remembered by
Wife : Rajalakshmi
Son : Rajkumar & Family
Daughter : Priya & Family
Contact: 9940103938

DEATH

Smt. Nagarathna Sadasiva
Of Bhilai, Bengaluru and Mysore, Teacher of Carnatic Music.
May 21, 1930 - January 22, 2023
We will miss you.
Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
9845067526/9573329992

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

With profound grief, we regret to inform the Sad demise of our beloved husband/father
V. RAMACHANDRAN
(Abbott/R.V. Trades)
S/o. Late. V. Venkatraman

Passed away on 23.01.2023 at 12.20pm. Funeral Ceremony will be held at **No.14, Venkatesan Street, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017. at 09.00 am on 24.01.2023.**

06th Death Anniversary

Ever loving memory of
Shri. A. Ramakrishnan
(GM: BPCL, State head: RIL, CEO: Gapco east Africa)
who is missed every single day;
DOD: 24-01-2017
Fondly remembered by
Mrs. Lalitha Ramakrishnan (wife)
Arjun (son) and
Athulya (daughter-in-law)

Governor's address treads softly around contentious political issues

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) government appeared to tread softly around contentious political and constitutional issues deemed critical of the BJP-led Central government in its policy agenda for the 2023-24 fiscal set out in Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's address to the Assembly at the opening of the Budget session on Monday.

The government also used the Governor's policy address to relaunch its vision of a modern and developed Kerala moored to technological progress, social welfare, and scientific temper.

Mr. Khan's speech seemed a mixed manifesto of Kerala's stated flagship programmes. It dwelled on the comprehensive medical insurance scheme covering an estimated 30 lakh serving and retired State government employees, emancipation of 64,000 impoverished families, land and housing for all, geriatric welfare, women empowerment, people-centric technology-driven e-governance, creation of a higher-learning based knowledge economy, job creation, and wooing global investment.

The Leader of the Opposition slammed the policy address as untruthful, bereft of new ideas, and devoid of any meaningful criticism of the Centre's policies.

Hijab row: SC to consider listing students' plea before 3-judge Bench

Muslim students from Karnataka file plea seeking a declaration of their right to wear hijab inside their classrooms; senior advocate Meenakshi Arora makes oral mentioning for early hearing as students have to attend practicals on February 6

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday said he would consider forming a three-judge Bench soon to hear afresh the petitions filed by Muslim students from Karnataka who are seeking a declaration of their right to wear hijab inside their classrooms.

Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora made the oral mentioning for early hearing. She said the students were about to have their practicals on February 6.

A Division Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia had delivered a split verdict in October last year on whether or not students had a fundamental right to wear hijab in government institutions.

Justice Gupta had upheld the Karnataka's prohibitive government order, saying "apparent symbols of religious belief cannot be worn to 'secular' schools maintained from State funds". He had said 'secularity' meant uniformity, manifested by parity among students in terms of uniform.

The judge had held that adherence to uniform was a reasonable restriction to free expression. The discipline reinforced equality. The State had never forced students out of State schools by restricting hijab. The decision to stay out was a "voluntary act" of the student.

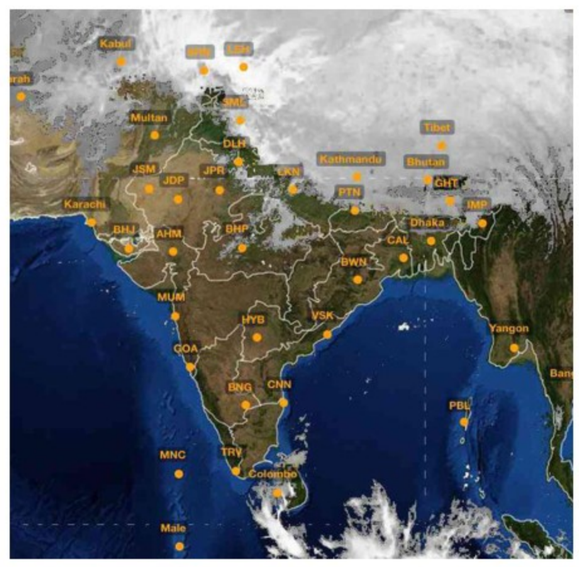
Strong pitch: A file photo of students holding a protest seeking permission to wear hijab in classrooms.

In his divergent opinion, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia had said secularity meant tolerance to "diversity". Wearing or not wearing a hijab to school was "ultimately a matter of choice". For girls from conservative families, "her hijab is her ticket to education".

"By asking the girls to take off their hijab before they enter the school gates is first, an invasion of their privacy, then it is an attack on their dignity, and then ultimately it is a denial to them of secular education... There shall be no restriction on the wearing of hijab anywhere in schools and colleges in Karnataka," Justice Dhulia had held.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Thunderstorm with lightning/hail likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.6	12.1	Kozhikode	—	34.8	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	25.7	10.5	Kurnool	—	32.5	19.2
Aizawl	—	23.2	6.4	Lucknow	3	23.8	11.7
Allahabad	—	23.7	13.6	Madurai	—	31.5	23.7
Bengaluru	—	24.2	16.2	Mangaluru	—	32.7	21.5
Bhopal	—	—	15.0	Mumbai	—	26.5	15.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	16.0	Mysuru	—	30.0	9.9
Chandigarh	—	26.7	7.5	New Delhi	—	25.9	7.6
Chennai	—	29.6	24.5	Patna	—	26.4	13.2
Coimbatore	—	32.5	20.8	Port Blair	—	30.9	22.8
Dehradun	—	25.2	6.8	Puducherry	—	29.2	20.8
Gangtok	—	11.5	5.1	Pune	—	31.0	14.2
Goa	—	31.4	18.1	Raipur	—	31.6	16.5
Guwahati	—	26.0	10.2	Ranchi	—	28.5	14.5
Hubballi	—	32.0	17.0	Shillong	—	16.3	5.7
Hyderabad	—	27.9	18.0	Shimla	—	14.4	2.8
Imphal	—	23.2	4.7	Srinagar	—	9.7	-3.4
Jaipur	—	21.8	11.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	23.6
Kochi	—	31.2	24.4	Tiruchi	—	29.9	22.0
Kohima	—	16.8	5.0	Vijayawada	—	29.0	20.6
Kolkata	—	30.0	16.2	Visakhapatnam	—	30.8	21.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.29	5	.24	239	215	
Bengaluru	3	22	.26	75	86	
Chennai	.20	.37	.50	169	115	
Delhi	—	109	.77	355	349	
Hyderabad	.12	4	167	137	108	
Kolkata	.34	.38	.58	282	201	
Lucknow	.15	.51	.86	245	182	
Mumbai	.20	172	.38	336	168	
Pune	115	165	111	212	144	
Visakhapatnam	—	.44	6	176	139	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 465 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Chamarajanagar, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 38

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'425 acres earmarked for three IT parks'

V. Kamalakara Rao
VISAKHAPATNAM

The State government has earmarked around 425 acres of land so far for IT parks in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Anantapur as part of its efforts to make Andhra Pradesh a leading IT destination in the country in future.

Near the proposed Bhogapuram International Greenfield Airport, 90.10 acres of land has been chosen at Kancherupalem village of Bhogapuram mandal of Vizianagaram district, 125 acres at Pallam village in Tirupati, 209.24 acres in Tekulodu and Kappalabanda villages in Sri Sathya Sai district.

A team of Andhra Pradesh Electronics and IT Agency inspecting a site earmarked for IT park proposed at Pallam village in Tirupati district.

These locations have been identified after studying feasibility in meeting basic parameters such as proximity to rail, road and airport connectivity.

Andhra Pradesh Electronics and IT Agency (APEITA), an autonomous society of the State government, is one of the authorised departments of AP State Information Technology and Industries to identity land and reserve them for IT industries.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, APEITA Group Chief Executive Officer Kiran Salikireddy said that the State government is developing five IT parks in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Anantapur, Vijayawada and Kakinada.

Around 425 acres of land has been identified in the first phase for IT parks in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Anantapur.

"There has been no requirement of land for Vijayawada and Kakinada as of now. The process of handing over the earmarked land in Tekulodu and Visakhapatnam to the IT department has been completed while the process of 50 acres of land in Kappalabanda is going on. The paper work is going on regarding the land at Pallam in Tirupati," Mr. Salikireddy said.

"For example, we are looking at Kappalabanda for drone technology. All the allotted lands are close to road, rail and airport connectivity, which are the basic parameters that industries generally look for," he said.

As for the Visakhapatnam IT Park is concerned, the allotted land will have better rail, road, air and port connectivity. Availability of groundwater in the area is also good as the ground water level in Kancherupalem is between 100 and 150 feet as of now.

HC vacation Bench acted as a *de-facto* CJ: A.P. Chief Justice

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra took a serious view of the hasty manner in which a vacation Bench had apparently stayed the operation of the G.O. No.1 (dated January 2, 2023) during the previous hearing of the PIL filed by CPI State secretary K. Ramakrishna, on January 12. Through the G.O., certain curbs were imposed on holding meetings and rallies on public roads.

Taking up the matter on Monday as per the directions of the Supreme Court, which refused to interfere with the interim order (issued by the vacation Bench) that the G.O. be suspended till January 23, Chief Justice Mishra made a caustic remark that the vacation court acted as a '*de-facto* CJ' and belittled the CJ's position by taking up the case as if the petitioner staged a protest to deal with the case urgently.

Advocate-General S. Sriram said no citizen was entitled to claim that he/she had a vested fundamental right to conduct a meeting on a public road, and the State had not banned any meetings on public roads.

Appearing for the petitioner, senior advocate Raju Ramachandran said there was a complete ban on the fundamental right to assemble and movement under the G.O.

Show of strength

In sync: The armed forces participate in the largest biennial tri-services amphibious exercise AMPHEX 2023, conducted near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. ANI

Officials flayed for not displaying PM's photo at A.P. wellness centre

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar pulled up the officials of the Medical and Health Department for not displaying the logo of Ayushman Bharat and PM Jan Arogya schemes and pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Ayushman Bharat Wellness Centre at Bhavanipuram in Vijayawada on Monday.

"The matter would be inquired into by a Central team soon and a show-cause notice issued," she said.

During her visit to the wellness centre, Ms. Pawar said it was unfortunate that the Andhra Pradesh government, which was implementing various healthcare schemes with Central financial assistance, did not find it proper to give due credit to the Centre.

Bharati Pravin Pawar

She observed that the same neglect could be seen everywhere and it was deplorable. "Full details of the schemes should be displayed but it was apparently not happening," she said.

Congress' E.V.K.S. Elangovan to contest in an Assembly election after 34 years

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

Former Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president and Union Minister of State E.V.K.S. Elangovan, 74, who has been nominated to contest in the Erode (East) byelection, which is to be held on February 27, is entering the electoral fray in an Assembly constituency after a gap of 34 years.

The byelection has been necessitated by the death of Mr. Elangovan's son and MLA of Erode (East), E. Thirumahan Everaa, earlier this month.

The last time Mr. Elangovan contested was during the 1989 Assembly elections in Bhavanisagar. At that time, he was with the Tamizhaga Munnetra Munnani (TMM), led by veteran thespian Sivaji Ganesan, who had forged an alliance with the AIADMK, headed by former Chief Minister Janaki Ramachandran.

E.V.K.S. Elangovan

There were three other major contestants in the election then – fronts led by the DMK, AIADMK (Jayalalithaa faction) and the Congress. Mr. Elangovan finished fourth, polling 8,381 votes with a vote share of 7.9%. V.K. Chinnasamy of the AIADMK (Jayalalithaa) was the winner and that was the second time he was elected from that seat. The runner-up was the DMK's P.A. Swaminathan, who shot into prominence in 1967 by defeating former Union Minister C. Subramaniam in the Gobichettypalayam Lok Sabha constituency.

Coincidentally, Housing and Urban Development Minister S. Muthusamy, now the prominent local face of the ruling DMK in Erode, shepherded the AIADMK(JR)-TMM coalition in what was called Periyar district in 1989.

The previous occasion when Mr. Elangovan, regarded as a follower of Sivaji Ganesan in the Congress till 1988, emerged successful in an Assembly election was in 1984 when he was elected from Sathyamangalam. Then, the AIADMK and the Congress were allies. After 1989, the former TNCC chief went back to the Congress and tried his luck only in Lok Sabha elections.

Tragedy averted as 'poorly maintained' canal breaches in Ernakulam district

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A portion of the Maradi branch canal, which is part of the Muvattupuzha Valley Irrigation Project (MVIP), near Pandappilly in Kerala, collapsed on Sunday. Gushing waters from the Malankara dam breached the canal wall at Mullapadi in Ward 9 of Aarakuzha panchayat around 5.30 p.m. A visual circulated widely on social media platforms showed a car passing by a few seconds before the incident.

According to the Department of Irrigation, the breach extending to about 20 metres may have occurred owing to the poor strength of the canal wall. Senior officials admitted that the annual maintenance was long overdue owing to paucity of funds.

Narrow escape: A video grab of a car passing by Muvattupuzha Link Road a few seconds before the canal breach on Sunday.

Interestingly, MVIP officials had inspected the canal site where the breach occurred an hour before the incident. But they could not find any leakage or cracks on the canal wall. The mud and debris flowed into the road halting traffic on the route. The entrance to a nearby house was also flooded. The police and fire and rescue services personnel cleared the mud and water by 11 p.m.

Mathew Kuzhalnadan, Muvattupuzha MLA, blamed the Irrigation Department for its failure to carry out regular maintenance of canals that are part of the MVIP project. Despite repeated pleas, the department authorities had neither cleared the overgrown bushes nor addressed other shortcomings in the canals.

Misplaced secrets

President Biden's legal troubles could be a setback for case to prosecute Trump

When his predecessor Donald Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, was raided last August and a trove of thousands of government documents was discovered there, including several hundreds of classified papers, little would U.S. President Joe Biden have imagined that he would find himself in a similar sticky situation. Yet, Mr. Biden and the White House have so far reacted calmly to the discovery of classified documents by his own attorneys at several sites including the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, a think tank in Washington, and in the garage and several other rooms of his home in Wilmington, Delaware. There are, of course, critical differences between the cases, which will probably be mirrored in varying legal consequences of each of the two classified leaks. First, the Trump stash is reported to be over 11,000, including about 300 marked classified or top secret, and includes photographs, whereas the papers associated with Mr. Biden are reportedly fewer than 12. Second, after Mr. Biden's lawyers first discovered classified files in a locked closet at the think tank, his team voluntarily notified the National Archives and the Justice Department and are 'cooperating with the investigation' fully. In Mr. Trump's case, after the U.S. National Archives found classified records to be missing and requested that Mr. Trump return them, he failed to comply and hence the matter was handed over to the FBI. Third, while both leaks are being investigated separately, the Justice Department is conducting a criminal inquiry into Mr. Trump's handling of the documents, but in Mr. Biden's case there is no indication of wilful intent so far and he is protected by a rule that a sitting President cannot be indicted.

Notwithstanding these facts, it is clear that Mr. Biden's – or his team's – improper handling of classified material will cost him politically. Already, polls have found that his job approval rating, which enjoyed a bump towards the end of last year, has slumped back to around 40% – the all-time low of his presidency. The President is also facing difficult questions on why, after the initial discovery of the classified papers on November 2, his team suppressed that information until well after the November 8 midterm elections. Similarly, Republicans led by House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy have called for a Congressional investigation into the Biden classified leaks. The backlash could well be a setback for the case to prosecute Mr. Trump for violating the Espionage Act, even though he appears to have wilfully taken the classified documents from their proper place of holding and then possibly obstructed justice when asked to return them.

Promise, pragmatism

Ms. Ardern's politics, rooted in moral values, came up against a reality check

Jacinda Ardern's time in office as New Zealand's Prime Minister was rattled by several successive challenges. At 37, the Labour leader came to power in 2017, promising a "transformational change". Nearly six years later when she leaves office, she would be better remembered for her handling of crises such as the coronavirus pandemic, the far-right terror attacks on mosques in Christchurch and volcanic eruptions. Ms. Ardern offered a leadership model rooted in empathy and moral values – the way she handled the Christchurch shootings is a case in point. Her approach towards the pandemic was initially popular, which helped Labour sweep the 2020 legislative elections. New Zealand's per capita death rate from COVID-19 is among the lowest in the developed world. The way she announced her resignation also won her praise – that there is "not enough in the tank" for her to continue in the top office – which made her stand out in a world where not many leaders relinquish power easily. Chris Hipkins, a former Minister for COVID response in Ms. Ardern's Cabinet and a troubleshooter for the Prime Minister, will succeed her and lead Labour in the 2023 election.

While her leadership style is widely praised, particularly among liberal sections across the world, there are also questions on whether Ms. Ardern made good on the promises she made to the electorate. New Zealand is one of the most expensive countries to live in. In 2017, Ms. Ardern vowed to tackle the country's housing crisis by constructing 1,00,000 homes, but only a fraction has been built in the past five years. Housing prices remain extensively high, while high inflation has left a hole in household budgets. Her promises to address child poverty (New Zealand has one of the worst rates of child poverty in the developed world) and tackle inequality (the top 10% control nearly half of the country's household net worth) have fallen flat. Besides, continued lockdowns and COVID measures even when neighbouring Australia opened up turned a chunk of Ms. Ardern's early admirers away from her. The slide in her popularity hit Labour's election prospects which prompted many within the party to question her leadership. According to a December poll, Labour's support stood at 33%, while 38% backed the centre-right National Party, the main opposition. It was against this background that Ms. Ardern announced her resignation. Mr. Hipkins now has only eight months to steady the ship and reverse the public mood, a tall ask. He should blend Ms. Ardern's empathetic politics with a strong economic vision that would address New Zealand's structural economic problems while keeping its social harmony intact.

Democracy and its structural slippages

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The democracy that is functional around the world today – even as it has a long history of evolution – was essentially a 19th century to 20th century western creation. Every civilisation, of course, claims to have had some form of democratic origin. But the institution of universal adult franchise and governance through regular and multi-party elections (the universal norm today) has at the most a 100 years or less of practice behind it. Even in the most "advanced" democracies such as the United States, "universal franchise" of the 1920s did not include African-American citizens. In Britain, women obtained the right to vote in the 1930s, in France in 1944, and in Switzerland as late as 1971, over two decades after their Indian sisters.

Devolution and capitalism

Basic to democracy is the devolution of power, and with it, welfare from the elite echelons to the ground level. Devolution occurs on the premise of the individual and equality. In practice, is there a good record for these principles? If one is to go by the long view of history, the answer is 'yes, most effectively'. The near-universal abolition of autocratic monarchies and hereditary aristocracies and their replacement by governance through popular mandate (with exceptions) and the spread of economic resources, infrastructure, education, health, etc. to the masses, with all their shortcomings and lacunae, call for acknowledgment even as the demand for these grows every day, constantly, and legitimately.

Yet, there is an unbreakable link between the wide spread of this devolution and capitalism. In capitalism's basic requirement to seek freedom for resources such as land, labour, and movement from the autocratic restraints of medieval monarchies, the notions of the individual's rights and equality evolved, culminating in the notion of a free market for every kind of resource mobilisation, including labour. It also implied a great deal of uniformity.

It is important to note that human history has been witness to several experiences of equality, mostly in its religious form: non-theistic Buddhism and monotheistic religions such as Christianity, Islam and Sikhism were proponents of social equality. However, equality here demanded the subjugation of the individual to the community or society.

> The complete equation of democracy with electoral politics draws attention away from any alternative form of governance — there is no space here for diversity

Clearly, humanity's urge for equality has erupted over and over again in different parts of the world at different times; it was the same urge that had led to the most recent experiment of Marxian socialism in about a third of the globe and a large chunk of the population. However, it is equally important to note that no egalitarian ideology has ever been able to create an egalitarian society. What it does is to reshuffle existing social hierarchies and create some space for the upward movement of the lower rungs. But the urge for equality has found diverse ways to seek utterance. Its current urge seeks to establish uniformity through the same or similar institutions and practices.

The uniformity takes the form of periodic multi-party "free and fair" elections and guarantees of various kinds of freedoms, especially of the market. The elections are a means of self-correction of government policies and actions.

The conduct of elections

Are elections truly free and fair?

To begin with, elections divide voters into a dubious majority and a minority. The majority-minority division of 50% plus one and 50% minus one is, in principle, hardly a decisive mandate even as this is treated as one empirically. But the practice of elections belies even this notion of "majority"; there is hardly a government anywhere in the world and at any time that governs through a majority of the mandate. Usually, 30% to 40% of the votes cast give a party a comfortable majority to rule legitimately. This is structured into multi-party elections through "the first past the post" principle; but even in a system such as the United States, Donald Trump could defeat Hillary Clinton even as she received some 2.5 million more popular votes than him, in 2016.

In practice again, contrary to theory, even as the voter is all alone in the polling booth voting as an untrammelled individual, her/his vote is still conditioned by numerous demands on it by family, community, religion, culture, and, above all, by the political alternatives offered by political parties. A loss of individuality is implicated here. The individual does not create the choices which are given by parties, very often wrapped in false propaganda and even more false promises. The individual has the "freedom" to choose one or another of these.

The complete equation of democracy with electoral politics draws one's attention away from any alternative form of governance. There is no space here for diversity.

A reinforcement of identities

This democracy came to India in its most modern form: unconditional adult franchise and multi-party periodic elections. Yet, the operative categories of electoral politics here have mostly been pre-modern: identity politics of caste, sub-caste, community, region, language, etc. Not long ago we were familiar with acronyms such as AJGAR (Ahir, Jat, Gurjar and Rajput castes) and MY (Muslims and Yadavs) and so on, signifying the vote base of different political parties, or what came to be picturesquely called the 'vote bank'.

Jawaharlal Nehru had hoped that education and the experience of democracy would force a retreat on these operative categories and generate a more "modern" consciousness among the masses. What has emerged is contrary to this. The very success of these mobilisations has reinforced identities instead of weakening them. The Bharatiya Janata Party is determined to create the biggest vote bank which would be ever hard to defeat: the entire Hindu population, comprising 80% of the populace. It can afford to marginalise and thus disenfranchise all others in the residual 20%. Remember the explicit assertion of this strategy by the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister in the form of his line, "80 versus 20" during the run-up to the Assembly elections?

So, as long as we practise this form of democracy, its fault lines and, above all, its link with capitalism will remain unbroken. Yet, the fact that humanity has throughout history sought one or another form of social equality keeps the possibility of this urge erupting yet again more amenable to achieving a reality that has eluded us so far. What its form and its grade of success will be are hard to guess. What can be said confidently is that history is still unfolding and creating a future for us.

Needed, a new approach to data protection for minors

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> The principles of the 'best interests of children' and 'more responsibility on platforms' should inform India's approach to data protection for minors

How freely should Indian teenagers access the Internet? And what responsibilities do platforms have towards their minor users? These are important questions to answer correctly to achieve India's digital ambitions. The draft Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill, 2022 currently provides for mandatory parental consent for all data processing activities by children, defined as any person aged under 18 years. This approach however misses the mark on two fronts.

The gaps in the Bill

First, instead of incentivising online platforms to proactively build safer and better services for minors, the Bill relies on parents to grant consent on behalf of the child in all cases. In a country with low digital literacy, where parents in fact often rely on their children (who are digital natives) to help them navigate the Internet, this is an ineffective approach to keep children safe online.

Second, it does not take into account the "best interests of the child", a standard originating in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989, to which India is a signatory. India has upheld this standard in laws such as the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. However, it has not been applied to the issue of data protection. The Bill does not factor in how teenagers use various Internet platforms for self-expression and personal development and how central it is to the experience of adolescents these days. From taking music lessons to preparing for examinations to forming communities with people of similar worldviews, the Internet is a window to the world. While the Bill does allow the government to provide exemptions in the future from strict parental consent requirements, profiling, tracking prohibitions, etc., this whitelisting process does not acknowledge the blurring lines between what a platform can be used for. For example, Instagram is, strictly speaking, a social media platform, but is regularly used as an educational and professional development tool by millions of artists around the world.

Use of personal data

Another issue in the current draft of the DPDP Bill is that each platform will have to obtain 'verifiable parental consent' in the case of minors. This provision, if enforced strictly, can change the nature of the Internet as we know it. Since it is not possible to tell if the user is a minor without confirming their age, platforms will have to verify the age of every user. The government will prescribe later whether verifiability will be based on ID-proof, or facial recognition, or reference-based verification, or some other means.

Whatever form verifiability takes, all platforms will have to now manage significantly more personal data than before, and citizens will be at greater risk of harms such as data breaches, identity thefts, etc.

Thus we need to shift our approach with respect to children's data before this Bill is brought to Parliament. To avoid the folly of treating unequals equally and blocking off access to the Internet for teenagers these steps are needed.

First, we should move from a blanket ban on tracking, monitoring, etc. and adopt a risk-based approach to platform obligations. Platforms should be mandated to undertake a risk assessment for minors and not only perform age-verification-related corresponding obligations but also design services with default settings and features that protect children from harm. This approach will bring in an element of co-regulation, by creating incentives for platforms to design better products for children.

Second, we need to relax the age of mandatory parental consent for all services to 13 years in line with many other jurisdictions around the world. By relaxing consent requirements, we will minimise data collection, which is one of the principles that the Bill is built on. This relaxation in age of consent in tandem with the risk mitigation approach elucidated above will achieve protection for children online while allowing them access.

Surveys needed

This solution draws on the experience and deliberations in the United Kingdom, and in the United States (California, New York, etc.) where age appropriate design codes have been introduced. To tailor this solution to the Indian context, the government should also conduct large-scale surveys of both children and parents to find out more about their online habits, digital literacy, preferences and attitudes.

We must design a policy in India that balances the safety and the agency of children online. We should not put the onus of keeping our young safe only on parents, but instead it should make it a society-wide obligation. We have to get this part of the data protection framework right as India's 'techade' cannot be realised without its young.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BBC documentary

The central government has moved rather swiftly to block the BBC documentary. While the party in power often highlights the report submitted by the Special Investigation Team absolving those who matter of any wrong-doing, one would like to recollect a telling account of those troubled days of 2002 in the book, *The Sarkari Mussalman*. By the same logic applied now, the book too would merit a ban.

S.K. Choudhury,
Bengaluru

The central government's move to block the BBC documentary appears to be censorship of the media. This does not go with the principles of democracy. People's power to analyse issues should not be underestimated.

P.R.V. Raja,
Pandalam, Kerala

The BBC is not an organisation to propagate falsehood. There are some who have raised the issue of timing. Is there any time frame to air a well-analysed picture of any issue about which doubts still persist? The outright blocking of the documentary in question will only raise many questions on a dark event that is an indelible mark on the fabric of Indian history.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

There are many of us in India who know what the truth is despite various "clean chits". There is nothing much we can do except try and put the past behind us and move on. But one of the powerful voices of the world cannot be stopped. The BBC as an organisation has no agenda. However, the timing of the airing of its documentary evokes curiosity.

S. Kamat,
Alto Santa Cruz, Goa

One wonders what the purpose behind the BBC documentary is. It may be recalled that after prolonged investigations by various agencies, and later the higher judiciary, the issue was closed. The BBC has lost its credibility in India which was built brick by brick by Mark Tully. One wonders what he has to say.

J.P. Reddy,
Nalgonda, Telangana

For a simmering issue that had attained finality by way of a judicial verdict, it is most unfortunate that an esteemed news broadcasting agency has attempted to reopen the wounds. One fails to understand the logic and its timing. Although the British leader has taken gross exception to the documentary, its release appears to be more of an attempt to discredit India's ruling dispensation.
It is pertinent to mention here that the electorate of the State had given their unambiguous verdict on the Gujarat riots, which was the central theme in successive Assembly elections. It is ironic that a reputed broadcasting agency has not examined the horrendous Jallianwala Bagh tragedy, the blatant violation of human rights in Iraq on the pretext of unearthing weapons of mass destruction, and even the West's dubious role in Afghanistan.

B. Suresh Kumar,
Coimbatore

Without going into the merits and the demerits of the development, one wonders whether the BBC would have reacted with the same alacrity in unearthing the truth about the non-existent "weapons of mass-destruction" of Saddam Hussain. Children perished in their thousands due to an embargo on basic medicines. It was a different Vietnam that was recreated.

Shashi Bhushan,
Secunderabad

Taking aim at the judiciary

One does not need the brain of Einstein to understand what the government, under the guise of correcting the 'flawed' collegium system, intends to achieve through its relentless and shrewd attempts to weaken the judiciary — to ultimately unleash sweeping powers without much judicial oversight. The media, the political Opposition and the judiciary play a vital role in checking executive excesses. Any dilution in the independence of the judiciary in India will be disastrous.

N. Raveendra Babu,
Hyderabad

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An India chapter for foreign universities

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For a long time, proponents of the internationalisation of higher education have cherished the dream of foreign universities operating in India. For nearly two decades, they have emphasised the need to provide conducive conditions and an enabling framework for such institutions. But the idea failed to come to fruition due to the concerns of the regulatory authorities and governments in India as well as the foreign higher educational institutions.

Concerns

Promoting excellence, preventing malpractices, safeguarding the interests of students and protecting national interests have been some of the major concerns. Many were wary of the cultural threat that this initiative posed. Some of those who were at the forefront of preserving the purity of Indian culture are now a part of the political dispensation. Policy planners and regulators have been particularly concerned about how to come up with a framework that attracts the best of the best and deters the fly-by-night kinds of universities.

On the other hand, the sought-after universities are concerned about the potential adverse effect of setting up offshore campuses with their accreditation, ranking and reputation. Truly reputed higher educational institutions operate on a not-for-profit basis and have no materialistic motives to go offshore. A few countries that have such offshore campuses had to hard-sell the institutions the idea by leasing land at almost no cost, bearing the bulk of infrastructure cost and promising them the academic, administrative and financial autonomy that they enjoy in their home country. India could hardly afford any such incentives. Whatever was offered was riddled with caveats and contradictions.

Past setbacks notwithstanding, the idea of having world-class universities establish and operate their campuses in India has been so compelling that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provided that "selected universities e.g., those from among the top 100 universities in the world will be facilitated to operate in India. A legislative framework facilitating such entry will be put in place, and such universities will be given special dispensation regarding regulatory, governance, and content norms on par with other autonomous institutions of India." Even though the NEP favoured a "legislative framework", the idea is being executed through a regulatory route by the University Grants Commission (UGC). There seems to be determination to get the idea going, even if it amounts to some dilution in standards.

While the policy prescribed "facilitation" and "special dispensation" for the top 100 universities of the world, the draft regulation seeks to lower the standards by extending the scope to the top 500 universities, overall or in any discipline. Further, for the "educational institutions", just being "reputed" in their home country would be a sufficient requirement. The draft regulation doesn't seem concerned about the subjectivity and scope of discretion in the above articulation as it believes that the standing committee constituted by the UGC would do an unbiased and thorough job in processing the applications and identifying only the best institutions.

Contradictions

The initiative may still fail due to contradictions in the regulation. The draft regulation demands that the quality of education imparted by these institutions in India must be on a par with the quality of courses at their campus in the country of origin. Yet, it insists that they must not "offer any such programme of study which jeopardises the national interest of India or the standards of higher education in India". It promises academic, administrative and financial autonomy to foreign institutions but takes that away by asserting that they abide by all the conditions that the UGC and the Indian government prescribe from time to time. The provision that the foreign higher education institutions must not do anything "contrary to the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality" might deter the best universities that most value their academic autonomy.

Leaving aside the issue of whether the idea would succeed, one wonders why India is so keen on foreign higher education. During a media briefing, it was stated that foreign universities in India would stop the outflow of $28-30 billion in foreign exchange. This does not corroborate the data on outward remittances for studies abroad, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). During 2021-22, foreign outflow on account of studies abroad was no more than $5.165 billion. Even if we add to it the outflows of $3.598 billion for education-related travel (though these do not necessarily relate to studies abroad), the total education-related outflows would be $8.973 billion. One could argue that even $5.165 billion is a substantive sum and must be stopped from flowing abroad, but the idea of import substitution in higher education is complicated. Students do not go abroad for degrees alone; they also go for the experience, post-study work visas, income opportunities and better career prospects. Studying in a foreign university in India would offer them none of these. Most critically, as they are able to finance a good part of their education abroad through jobs, assistantships and scholarships, they find it more economical.

Still, India needs to have an enabling framework for the entry and operation of foreign higher educational institutions. It must, however, ensure that the best of the best set up their campuses in the country.

The initiative may fail due to contradictions in the draft regulation

A warrior's history hurdle in Assam

The BJP's assertion that Bagh Hazarika is fictional has angered some Muslims

STATE OF PLAY

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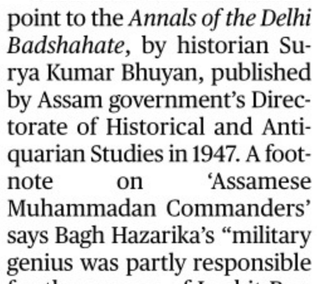


On January 8, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hit a raw nerve by suggesting that Bagh Hazarika, the 17th-century Muslim warrior fabled to have fought the Mughals alongside legendary Ahom general Lachit Barphukan, is a fictional character. He said a narrative had been created about Bagh Hazarika, whose real name was Ismail Siddique. He wondered why "our history teachers" never questioned this narrative. "If you read the entire history of the Battle of Saraighat, you will find there's no mention of Bagh Hazarika anywhere," he said again on January 12.

The Battle of Saraighat, fought in March 1671, is often equated with the Battle of Trafalgar. Barphukan's army, comprising various ethnic communities apart from the dominant Ahoms, used the hills, marshes, jungles and water bodies to defeat the Mughal army led by Raja Ram Singh. Mr. Sarma's observation angered some minority leaders who saw it as a "right-wing ploy to provoke" Assamese Muslims and divide Assamese society. But he was not the first to stir up controversy.

Bagh Hazarika's existence began to be questioned during the celebration of Barphukan's 400th birth anniversary in New Delhi in 2022 with the Hindu Jagran Manch saying the Muslim warrior is a fictional character without any "symbolic representation" in Assam's history. Panel discussions then focussed on how the Ahom general, by thwarting the Mughal invasion, prevented Islamisation in a large swathe of land. The panellists said reliable accounts of Ahom history do not mention any associate of Barphukan by the name of Bagh Hazarika.

"Pained" by the "bid to erase Bagh Hazarika from popular history," 10 Assamese Muslim intellectuals and scholars requested the Assam government to constitute a committee of histories under a reputed university to find out more about the warrior. While some community members said there is not enough documentation to prove Bagh Hazarika existed, all of them agreed that his name finds mention in history and that the controversy was being created in keeping with the Hindutva agenda of not recognising the contribution of Muslims to Indian history.

Assamese Muslim leaders point to the *Annals of the Delhi Badshahate*, by historian Surya Kumar Bhuyan, published by Assam government's Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies in 1947. A footnote on 'Assamese Muhammadan Commanders' says Bagh Hazarika's "military genius was partly responsible for the success of Lachit Barphukan's operations against Ram Singh". This was "heard from Maulavi Mufizuddin Ahmed Hazarika," a noted Assamese poet and "a descendant of the said Bagh Hazarika". Assamese literary stalwarts such as former Director-General of Police Harekrishna Deka said Bagh Hazarika has been in folklore for a long time like some other "historical" characters and cannot be dismissed as fictitious because histories of Assam do not mention him.

Bagh Hazarika has been seen as a "misfit" in the appropriation of Barphukan as a "Hindu" warrior after the BJP came to power in Assam. The Tai Ahom Yuva Parishad has opposed this "distortion of history" as the community during the general's time practised an indigenous faith. The BJP has also taken credit for making Barphukan a "national hero" despite the National Defence Academy conferring its best cadet with the Lachit Barphukan Award since 1999, when the government led by the Asom Gana Parishad, a minor BJP ally now, was in power.

But what has raised eyebrows is the "message" the BJP might have sent out to the Assamese Muslims that they are not "*khilonjia* (indigenous)" enough. The Bagh Hazarika issue has been raked up less than six months after five sub-groups of indigenous Muslims were identified, to set them apart from Bengali-speaking/Bengal-origin Muslims. The Sadou Asom Goriya Jatiya Parishad, one of many organisations representing Assamese Muslims, said dividing the community into sub-groups would set a dangerous precedent. It also sniffed a ploy to make the Muslim tag of the community more pronounced than its preferred Assamese identity, saying "our history has no reference to the term Assamese Muslims".

That history seems to be of little significance when the BJP, which has been sifting the "immigrant" Bengali Muslims from the *khilonjia* Assamese Muslims, is reportedly rewriting the past of Assam and some of its icons.

For Indian startups, the pace up the funding ladder quickens

Startups founded in 2021 took only 28 months on average to transition from the seed stage to Series A

DATA POINT

Agencies

A recent article titled 'What drives startup fundraising in India?' was published as a part of the January 2023 issue of the Reserve Bank of India's monthly bulletin. It shows that more startups have been becoming unicorns in recent years in India. The article also points out that the number of months taken by startups in India to climb up the funding ladder has drastically declined in recent years.

As on January 12 this year, there were 87,988 startups in India recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). This makes the country the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. Only those entities which work towards innovation or which have a scalable business model are recognised in India as startups up to 10 years from the time of their incorporation and which had a turnover that did not exceed ₹100 crore in any year.

According to DPIIT, startups have created around 7.6 lakh jobs in India as of June 30, 2022. Also, the average age of startup founders India was reported to be 32 years (as of 2019) and 14% of the startups had at least one female founder (as of 2022).

In the post-pandemic period, startups have been on a fast lane in India. In 2021, the average time taken for a startup to become a unicorn dropped to 7.8 years from 9.9 years in 2020. A unicorn is a private limited company with a valuation of over $1 billion. **Chart 1** shows the number of unicorns created in India each year. The number of unicorns has surged in the post-pandemic period with the total count increasing to 107 as of September 2022.

Most unicorns in India were FinTech platforms, Software-as-a-Service companies and e-commerce firms. But interestingly, many new entrants in 2021 to the unicorn club were from non-traditional areas (cloud kitchens, gaming, data management and analytics, and content). As shown in **Chart 2**, close to 40% of startups in India as on January 11 this year were in Bengaluru followed by Gurugram (16%) and Mumbai (15%).

Usually, a startup goes through many rounds of funding from funds, high net-worth individuals and other businesses in successive pitches or rounds (seed, Series A, B, C and so on). Initially, the seed money comes from the founders, friends and family who are called angel investors. Early rounds may be used to establish a foothold in the market, while later rounds may be used for expansion. Later, when the startup gets acquired, or becomes a listed company, or merges with another firm, it no longer needs funding.

Notably, the median number of months required to rise up the funding stages has reduced for the startups founded in recent years. **Chart 3** shows the median months taken for startups founded in 2014 and 2021 to rise up the funding stages. Startups founded in 2014 took an average 50 months to transition from the seed stage to Series A, whereas startups founded in 2021 took only 28 months. Similarly, for those founded in 2014, the progression from Series A to B was 36 months as against 12 months for those founded in 2021.

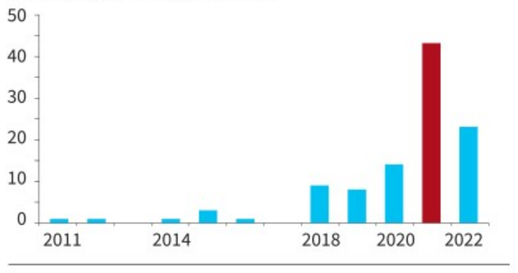
Indian tech startups raised $17.4 billion over 2,531 rounds in 2019. In 2020, this was around $6.9 billion. In 2021, this increased to $45.4 billion over 2,900 rounds. The share of late-stage startups (Series C and beyond) in total funding and in the number of funding rounds increased compared to the past few years, as shown in **Chart 4**.

This indicates that investors are backing established companies that had proven themselves more than before, which is typically risk-averse behaviour.

A flying start for startups

The charts and conclusions are sourced from "What Drives Startup Fundraising in India?" This was a paper published by the RBI as a part of its January bulletin

Chart 1 | The chart shows the number of unicorns created in India each year in the last decade



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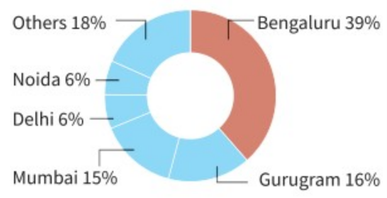

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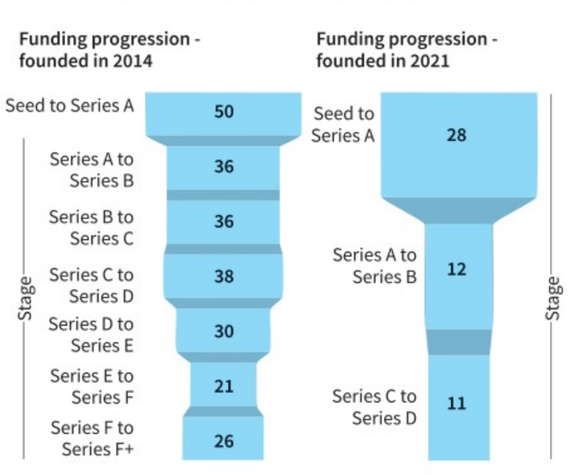

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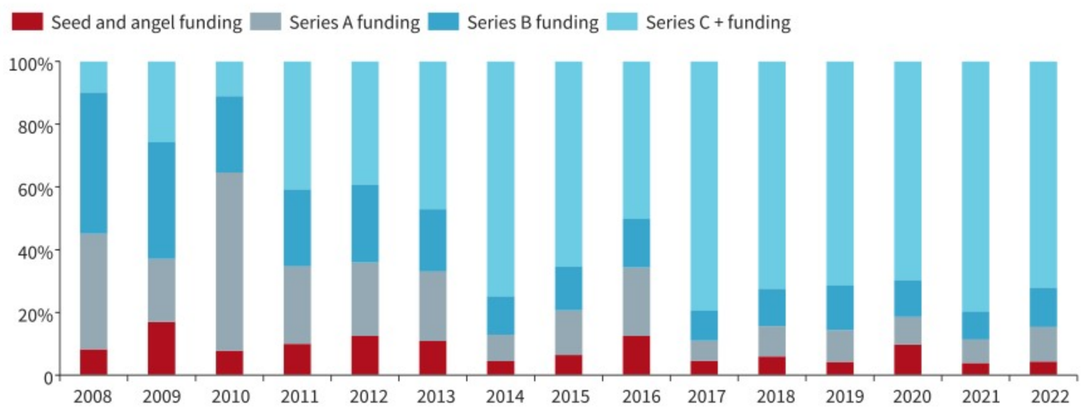

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 24, 1973

Attention to rural India: Call to photographers

New Delhi, Jan. 23: The President, Mr. V.V. Giri, to-day called upon press photographers, presently pre-occupied with politics and VIPs, to turn their lenses on the common people and their struggles and aspirations. "It is, of course, pardonable vanity on the part of politicians to expect to see their pictures in newspaper every day, but I believe the time has come to change our conception of news photograhy," he said. The President was inaugurating a three-day convention of the Federation of Indian Photography and the "Indian Salon 1973" organised by the Camera Society of India. Noting that photography was a powerful medium of communication, the President urged photographers to devote their attention to the question of using it in the best possible manner to advance the national objectives. In particular, he wanted photographers to turn their attention more and more to rural India where over 80 per cent of the people lived. The need for acquiring a rural bias had been particularly underlined by the economic crisis through which the country was passing.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 24, 1923

Communal cry

Delhi, Jan. 23: To-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Assembly will be devoted to the discussion of non-official resolutions. The first motion on the agenda stands in the name of Mr. J. Ramaya Pantulu, who will urge that the selection of candidates for public offices should be based solely on merit and not on communal considerations. Col. Gidney has a resolution to quite the contrary effect, because he will demand that selection should be on a communal basis. Mr. Seshagiri Iyer, the newly elected President of the Democratic Party, has given notice of an amendment to Mr. Pantulu's resolution. This amendment is that the Government of India in making appointments to offices under its direct control shall ordinarily, where qualifications of candidates are adequately efficient by their education, ability and integrity, give preference to those that belong to a class not well represented in the service, due regard being had to provincial and linguistic considerations.

From Page One

21 islands get Param Vir Chakra awardees' name

Stating that the identity of the Andaman was associated with the symbols of slavery instead of the memories of the freedom struggle, Mr. Modi said, "Even the names of our islands had the imprint of slavery."

Mr. Modi said that many messages are contained in the naming of the 21 islands. "The message is the message of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'; this message is the message of the bravery of our Armed Forces," he said. "Just like an ocean connects different islands, similarly, the feeling of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' ignites the spirit of 'Bharat Mata' and 'India First'," Mr. Modi added.

"From Major Somnath Sharma, Piru Singh, Major Shaitan Singh to Captain Manoj Pandey, Subedar Joginder Singh and Lance Naik Albert Ekka, from Veer Abdul Hameed and Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran to all 21 Paramveers, everyone had only one resolve – Nation First! India First! This resolution has now become immortal forever in the name of these islands. A hill in Andaman is also being dedicated in the name of Captain Vikram Batra from the Kargil war," Mr. Modi said.

'A pole star in India's history'

Mr. Shah said the memories of the heroes could never be erased nor were they dependent on anyone's mercy to live on.

He added that Netaji would shine like the pole star in India's history. He said Netaji was a great example of courage as he "travelled from Kolkata to Berlin by car through a terrain with a temperature of -45 degrees Celsius to liberate the nation". "But unfortunately, many attempts were made to erase his memories," Mr. Shah said. "After Narendra Modi became Prime Minister he had a statue of Subhas Chandra Bose installed in Kartavya Path [in Delhi], he decided to celebrate Netaji's birth anniversary as Parakram Divas. And he chose the same day to announce the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island as his memorial to ensure that it's developed in a manner that evokes deep respect for the great hero in the hearts of the people who set foot here for generations. I thank the Prime Minister from the bottom of my heart."

He said in 2018, when Ross Island was named after Netaji, Neil Island renamed Shaheed Island and Havelock Island named Swaraj Island, it created a discourse around the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

"Some places are blessed to play a historic role. And the A&N islands were blessed to play a significant role in India's Independence," Mr. Shah said.

Two students in Kochi infected with Norovirus

School authorities said offline classes were suspended following the outbreak. Academic sessions will be held online till January 25. Necessary guidance is being given to the parents as per the directions of the Health Department.

An official communication by the District Medical Officer said the classrooms have been disinfected. Water samples had been collected and sent for detailed analysis. Control measures, including chlorination, have been initiated. Those showing symptoms should continue under observation. Care should be taken to ensure that the drinking water sources are clean and free of contamination, it said.

According to Health officials, though Norovirus outbreaks are rarely serious, it can spread fast if proper precautions are not taken. The virus spreads through the faecal-oral route. Infection occurs either through direct consumption of contaminated food or via careless handling of food by an infected person or caregiver.

Internet Archive takes down BBC documentary

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Internet Archive, a U.S.-based repository of webpage archives and media uploads by users around the world, has taken down a widely circulated first episode of the *BBC*'s *The Modi Question*, a documentary that was ordered to be removed from YouTube and Twitter by the Union government, *The Hindu* has found.

"This item is no longer available," a message on the upload reads. "Items may be taken down for various reasons, including by decision of the uploader or due to a violation of our Terms of Use," it further says.

The Internet Archive did not respond to a query by *The Hindu* sent on Sunday on how it would react if it were asked to take the documentary down.

The site had emerged as one of the main sources where the documentary has been shared for viewing by Indian users, even as the BBC acts to restrict it on copyright grounds on YouTube.

It is unclear whether the takedown of the particular upload was a result of a request by the Indian government or by the BBC.

PM, leaders pay tribute to Netaji at Parliament Hall

Working to realise his vision for India, says Modi; Netaji always wanted to see India as a self-reliant, modern nation, says Om Birla; Jairam Ramesh takes a dig at the BJP with reference to Jan Sangh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Central Hall of Parliament House on his birth anniversary on Monday.

"Today, on Parakram Divas, I pay homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and recall his unparalleled contribution to India's history. He will be remembered for his fierce resistance to colonial rule. Deeply influenced by his thoughts, we are working to realise his vision for India," Mr. Modi said in a tweet earlier in the day.

Several Union Ministers, the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge, and MPs from across the parties were present.

As many as 80 students selected by the Ministries of Education and Youth Affairs under the programme, 'Know Your Leaders', also participated in the event.

Remembering the leader: Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge after paying floral tribute to Netaji in Parliament on Monday. PTI

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Birla said Netaji's sacrifice for the nation inspires every Indian and fills us with new energy and determination. "Netaji had an unwavering faith in India's rich and glorious history," he said. He recalled that Netaji always wanted to see India as a self-reliant, and modern nation."

The fanfare with which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary was celebrated this year stood in stark contrast with a sombre affair last year when other than Mr. Modi, Mr. Birla, and Ministers Piyush Goyal and V. Muraleedharan, MPs from only the Trinamool and the YSR Congress were present.

Cong. takes a swipe

Taking a dig at the BJP, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh tweeted, "The successor party to the one founded by S.P. Mukerjee claiming to be Netaji bhakts is laughable given what Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and S.P. Mukerjee thought of each other as revealed in the latter's diaries. Netaji's elder brother opposed the Partition of Bengal so ardently advocated by the founder of Jan Sangh."

The Trinamool's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien launched a broadside at the BJP. "The BJP, like a good student, has learnt its lesson from us well and is following the traditions that it should have long upheld," Mr. O'Brien told *The Hindu*.

RSS working towards the goal of Netaji, says Bhagwat

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The RSS was working towards the same destination as envisaged by Netaji, said Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) *Sarsanghchalak* Mohan Bhagwat at the Shahid Minar Grounds in Kolkata on Monday.

Several rallies and events were organised in the city to pay tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary.

"Subhas babu [Netaji] was first associated with the Congress and followed its path of 'satyagraha', and 'andolan', but when he realised that this was not enough and there was a need for armed struggle, he worked towards it," he said.

Mr. Bhagwat said Netaji had said India was a smaller version of the world and according to him, an individual personality cannot develop without ideals of nationalism.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, participating at an event to pay tributes to Netaji, said there was a need to highlight the documented history and not to tamper with it. She further described Netaji as the guiding light of the nation.

Narayanpur violence: delegation criticises Baghel government

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

A delegation comprising Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat and others on Sunday concluded its visit to Narayanpur and the adjoining district in south Chhattisgarh, where several tribal Christian families were attacked and a church was vandalised over the past month.

The delegation slammed the Bhupesh Baghel government over its response to the incidents.

Members of the delegation wrote in a memorandum sent to Mr. Baghel: "We were surprised to learn that no Minister or any senior leader deputed by the government has visited the area to meet the victims and affected people."

The members said that these families continued to remain vulnerable despite the administration's assurances and that they were unable to practise their faith in peace.

The letter further notes that the families are facing the double whammy of social boycott and Hindu religious rituals being forced on them.

The delegation also questioned the role of the BJP and the Janjati Suraksha Manch in the matter.

"In every single case, it was told to us by the victims that it was those leaders among the tribals who were affiliated to the BJP, who mobilised and led the attacks," the letter said.

BSF camel contingent to have women personnel at Republic Day Parade

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a first, women personnel will be part of the Border Security Force (BSF) camel contingent at the Republic Day parade (RDP) this year.

Also, the ceremonial 21-gun salute during the parade will be given using 105 mm Indian Field Guns (IFGs) which will replace the vintage British 25 mm Pounder guns. Since Independence, the 21-gun salute has been accorded by seven vintage Quick Fire 25 Pounder guns which fire blank rounds as the national anthem is played.

"Before the commencement of the parade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in paying homage to the fallen bravehearts by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial," said Maj. Gen. Bhavnish Kumar, Chief of Staff, Delhi area, who will also be the Second-in-Command of the parade. There will be 16 marching contingents from the armed forces, Central Paramilitary Forces, the Delhi Police, the National Cadet Corps and the NSS along with 19 military pipes and drum bands while 27 tableaux of various States, departments and armed forces will take part.

Cynosure of all eyes: The camel contingent during the full dress rehearsal of the Republic Day Parade, in New Delhi on Monday. AFP

SP leader's remark on epic poem kicks up row

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and former Minister Swami Prasad Maurya's controversial statement on epic poem *Ramcharitmanas* compiled by Tulsidas led to widespread criticism in Uttar Pradesh, with the ruling BJP alleging that the statement reflected the ideology of his party on Hinduism.

Mr. Maurya had said that in the *Ramcharitmanas*, objectionable language was used against backward classes, Dalits and Adivasis.

Meanwhile, the SP has distanced itself from Mr. Maurya's statement with its leaders maintaining that the party respected all religious texts and religions.

'Get rid of problems by stopping cow slaughter'

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A local court judge in Gujarat has noted in a judgment recently that all of earth's problems will be solved if cow slaughter is stopped and also mentioned the benefits of its urine and dung.

The observations were made in November 2022 during a case related to illegal transportation of cattle. Principal District Judge Samir Vyas said this while sentencing a man to life imprisonment for illegally transporting cattle.

"Cow is not only an animal but it is a mother, that is why it is given the name of mother," he said, invoking a myth. He observed that "houses made of cow dung are not affected by atomic radiation" and the application of *gaumutra*, cow urine, is a "cure for many incurable diseases."

Media body against proposal to empower PIB fact-check unit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) on Monday sought the withdrawal of a draft amendment to the Information Technology Rules-2021, which empowers the Press Information Bureau's fact-check unit, or any other agency authorised by the Centre, to get social media platforms to remove the contents identified by it as fake or false.

The association said conferring such powers on the government without any checks and balances would result in "muzzling the fourth pillar of democracy and also have a chilling effect on the media". The amendment, which has been proposed by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, would stifle the freedom of speech and expression of the media guaranteed under Article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution, it said.

In a statement, the NBDA said the amendment would give the PIB and the Centre excessive powers to regulate digital news content without any scrutiny. It would directly affect the news media as the intermediaries might be coerced or directed by the PIB or any other agency to take down alleged "fake news" content without following the principles of natural justice. "This will also result in preventing any comment or criticism of the government," it said.

"Introducing the amendment would lead to excessive regulation by the government which is neither desirable nor acceptable. This kind of censorship is not envisaged by the Constitution," it added.

Murmu gives PM's national award to 11 children

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 on 11 children, including one with a rare bone disorder who is now an accomplished singer and a youngster who jumped into a river to save the life of a woman. Rohan Ramachandra Bahir jumped into the Domri river in Rajouri to save the life of a 43-year-old woman who had slipped while washing clothes. He was awarded in the Bravery category for his exemplary courage.

Aadithya Suresh, who suffers from a rare bone disorder since birth, has become an accomplished singer performing in over 500 shows. He was awarded in the category of Arts and Culture.

Four die, over a dozen fall ill in fresh hooch tragedy in dry Bihar's Siwan

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

At least four persons died and over a dozen fell critically ill in a fresh hooch tragedy in Siwan district of Bihar. Six persons have lost their eyesight, while 16 have been arrested in connection with the incident.

The incident happened at Bala village in Bhopatpur panchayat of Siwan. The villagers consumed spurious liquor on January 21 and from Sunday night, their condition started deteriorating. Subsequently, they were admitted to Siwan district hospital.

According to a statement issued by the Siwan district administration, "at least 10 people were admitted to the Siwan district hospital around 7 p.m. on Sunday after they complained of stomach pain, nausea and dizziness". District Magistrate Amit Kumar Pandey said the "cause of death will only be ascertained after a post-mortem report".

No end to menace: A man undergoes treatment after allegedly drinking spurious liquor at Lakari Nabiganj, in Siwan. PTI

'Report about trade'

"We have also spoken to the villagers and urged them to report fearlessly about illegal liquor trade in their area. No innocent will be harassed and a medical team is camping at the village. An investigating team has been formed and we will be able to divulge more details once we get the autopsy report," said Mr. Pandey.

A senior police official of the district, on condition of anonymity, admitted to *The Hindu* that at least four persons have died and 14 are admitted to different hospitals of Siwan, Gorakhpur (in eastern Uttar Pradesh) and Patna. However, villagers said the death toll had gone up to seven in Siwan while six persons lost their eyesight.

Janakdeo Rawat, a relative of one of the deceased persons, said, "All of them had consumed spurious liquor locally and returned home. Their condition deteriorated on Sunday night and they died by next morning." Besides, several villagers are critical and admitted to different hospitals, he added.

Additional Director General of Police Jitendra Singh Gangwar said 16 persons had been arrested so far in connection with the incident. "Senior district police officials have reached the village for further investigation. Spirit was brought from Kolkata for making sanitiser which was transported to Siwan from Muzaffarpur on January 18," Mr. Gangwar told presspersons.

'Bharat Jodo Yatra, the first genuine outreach to the people of J&K'

COMMENT

Mehbooba Mufti

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In these trying and turbulent times, the Bharat Jodo Yatra has come as a breath of fresh air

Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra comes at a time when hatred and bigotry against the minorities, especially Muslims, is being fuelled in India. Partition, in 1947, where parties such as the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha played a decisive role, led to shocking massacres and a complete rupture of the trust among Indians. While the Muslim League succeeded in creating a country defined solely by the criteria of religion, the affiliates of the Hindu Mahasabha are still pushing for 'one nation one religion', notwithstanding what followed in Pakistan, especially after General Zia-ul-Haq wreaked havoc in the name of Islamicisation of the country.

Reaching out

The bleak state of affairs is eerily similar to what it is in today's India, where open calls for genocide against Muslims are made still on a regular basis. Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) was the first casualty of the Bharatiya Janata Party's agenda to marginalise Muslims in 2019, with its dismemberment and disempowerment. This was followed by the empty and hollow rhetoric of removing '*Dil ki doori* (the distance from the heart)' and '*Dilli ki doori* (the distance from Delhi)'.

But the final stretch of Mr. Gandhi's 3,570-kilometre-long yatra, now in Kashmir, is being seen as the first genuine outreach to the people of J&K who have been threatened into silence and submission. Despite political compulsions, Mr. Gandhi has made his ideological convictions clear. He has taken the bull by the horns instead of choosing myopic electoral gains. His decision to walk in J&K is being seen as an attempt to heal the wounds inflicted on its people, who are being collectively punished and humiliated.

While our country has experienced communal riots throughout its history, the difference between the 1984 riots and the 2002 Gujarat massacre is that then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh not only acknowledged but also apologised for the anti-Sikh riots. But the Gujarat pogrom is being showcased and justified by the government of the day as comeuppance for Muslims. There has been no closure or sense of justice for its victims, who continue to suffer.

A film steeped in falsehood and propaganda such as *The Kashmir Files* has been actively promoted by the Government of India since it fulfilled the purpose of demonising Muslims, while a credible documentary by the British Broadcasting Corporation based on the facts that led to the Gujarat massacre has been illegally banned invoking emergency censorship powers. The culture of impunity it sheds light on still persists – and on a larger scale throughout India with renewed vengeance.

The zeal with which this monstrous bigotry has spread its tentacles throughout the country is shocking and surprising. Especially because it is unravelling at a time when India ranks (at 107) below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Pakistan (99) and Bangladesh (84) in the Global Hunger Index. With 50% of its population below the age of 25 years, India's youth should have been its most valuable strength. But the reality is that they are facing staggering and record-breaking unemployment. Government assets that were cultivated assiduously over the decades are being sold at throwaway prices to crony capitalists.

The media's silence

Instead of highlighting these key issues, the mainstream media has become a propaganda arm of the government. They are fanning this bigotry by spreading communal venom by endless debates on love jihad, *mandir-masjid* politics, etc. During Anna Hazare's anti-corruption movement in 2011, the media went all guns blazing against the United Progressive Alliance government, raising critical questions. Today, even as an Opposition leader walks thousands of kilometres across the country, the same media devotes all their screen time to undermining and discrediting him.

We continue to live through an undeclared emergency (exponentially more draconian than the one declared in 1975) where all the institutions necessary for democratic checks and balance have been subverted and weaponised to intimidate any form of opposition and criticism.

In these trying and turbulent times, the Bharat Jodo Yatra has come as a breath of fresh air. Mr. Gandhi's genuine attempts at uniting people across India and the yatra's message of love and peace have struck a chord with the entire nation. In 1947, when the Indian subcontinent erupted in communal violence, Kashmir was the only island of peace that did not witness a single case of death due to rioting. Gandhi*ji* drew hope and inspiration, and rightly so, from Kashmiris. Seventy-six years later, one cannot help but feel a sense of *déjà vu* as Mr. Gandhi with his Kashmiri roots offers a glimmer of hope in trying to unite the country and keeping the very idea of India alive.

It is this idea of India that the people of J&K chose despite being a Muslim-majority State and also why I choose to walk in the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Tripura CPI(M) meet endorses poll alliance with Congress

The Hindu Bureau
AGARTALA

The CPI(M) State Committee meeting on Monday endorsed a list of party candidates and the proposal to ally with 'democratic and secular' parties, including the Congress, in the Assembly election due on February 16.

Party general secretary Sitaram Yechury, former Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and State secretary Jitendra Chaudhury were present at the meeting.

The CPI(M) has reportedly finalised the number of seats it will contest with the Congress and smaller Left parties. The party is expected to give one seat each to the CPI, the RSP, the Forward Bloc and the CPI(M-L).

Congress State president Birajit Sinha confirmed that they have reached a seat-sharing arrangement with the CPI (M). "Congress will announce the [candidate] list on Wednesday after getting the approval of the party high command," he said. The CPI(M) leaders hinted at declaring the list of nominees on Tuesday evening or Wednesday.

Sources said the number of Congress nominees might not cross 20 in the 60-member Assembly.

Rahul Gandhi throws weight behind Kashmiri Pandits

The Congress leader asks Union Territory administration to fulfil their demands, which are 'their rights and not charity'; he also pitches for the restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday empathised with migrant Kashmiri Pandits and heard their plight in Jammu during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

He also pitched for the restoration of Statehood to J&K, which was split into two Union Territories in 2019 by the BJP-led Central government.

Mr. Gandhi interacted with a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits and heard the issues raised by the community, including fresh migration in the wake of targeted killings by militants in the past two years in the Valley, and the J&K administration's move to stall salaries of migrant Pandit employees.

Mr. Gandhi said the community had been wronged by the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration, and that he would write to the Prime Minister and raise the issues faced by the Pandit community in Parliament.

"Injustice is being meted out to Kashmir Pandits by this government. I am surprised that their delegation was told by the L-G that they should not seek alms. You [the L-G] should seek forgiveness from them," he said.

Marching on: Congress Leader Rahul Gandhi with supporters during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jammu on Monday. NISSAR AHMAD

BJP's approach

Amit Koul, a Pandit social activist, invited Mr. Gandhi to their Jagti township.

Mr. Koul said the Pandit delegation also raised issues related to the implementation of the Prime Minister's package which was introduced by the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government.

The delegation also criticised the BJP government's approach towards the Pandit community. "These people [the BJP] use Kashmiri Pandits. Whenever elections come, they take the name of Kashmiri Pandits for votes," another Pandit delegate said.

In a tweet, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said that Mr. Gandhi also promised to send a high-powered delegation from the party to the Valley on the matter of Kashmiri Pandits. "Rahul Gandhi asked them [Kashmiri Pandits] to prepare a three-point memorandum," he said.

Mr. Gandhi asked the L-G administration "to fulfil the demands of Kashmiri Pandits, as what they demand is their due rights and not charity".

On his arrival in Jammu, Mr. Gandhi visited the Raghunath Temple and offered prayers. Scores of youngsters were waiting to receive Mr. Gandhi in Jammu. "All politicians have failed us. We are hopeful that the Congress will address our issues," Shubham Gupta, a local, said.

Steering clear from making any comment on the revocation of the provisions of Article 370 in 2019, Mr. Gandhi instead underlined the need to restore Statehood and address the issue of unemployment, while describing these as "the main issues faced by J&K". "J&K has the highest level of unemployment in the country. The Congress will fully support you and your [demand for] Statehood. We will use our full power," he said.

Mr. Gandhi said the J&K administration had failed to hear the voices of local people. He said the introduction of Agniveer scheme had further discouraged local persons from being recruited into the Army.

'Judges don't face polls, but people are assessing them'

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Judges hold the position for life; they are being judged for how they deliver justice: Law Minister

Amid the ongoing controversy between the Executive and the Judiciary, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday said judges did not have to contest elections or face public scrutiny after they became judges. Though the public could not change the judges, he said, they were being watched by the people for their judgments and conduct.

Speaking at an event, Mr. Rijiju said that politicians were elected and then made to lose every five years, while judges remain on the chair forever. He added that people criticised politicians and even rejected them, but judges did not have to face such scrutiny or contest polls. "But, the people are watching you and judging you as well. Your judgments, how you dispense justice. People are watching this and forming opinions," he said.

Since the day Narendra Modi took the oath of office as Prime Minister and he [Mr. Rijiju] took charge as Law Minister, "the government hasn't done anything that harms the Judiciary or is against the Constitution", he said.

Mr. Rijiju said the Chief Justice of India had asked him to check the online targeting of judges on social media platforms.

"I have taken his suggestion and we are considering it. But when people are criticising on a 'mass scale' what can we do?" he asked. The Minister said some people were projecting the current situation between the government and the Judiciary as a *Mahabharat*. "This is not true. CJI and I are in constant touch and we have discussions on all small and big issues," he said.

"The differences are always there. I come from a political party which has always said '*Matbhed ho sakte hai, man bhed nahi hona chahiye*'. [There might be differences of opinions but there should be no differences between us] I wrote a letter to CJI on 6th Jan, which is my duty, there was no need to publicly announce what's written. It's a part of procedure," he said.

Koshyari informs Modi of his desire to step down

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

Amid recent clamour by the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for his resignation, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Monday said he had conveyed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi his desire to step down from political responsibilities during the latter's visit to Mumbai last week.

In a statement by the Raj Bhavan, Mr. Koshyari, who has been in the eye of the storm for his allegedly controversial remarks against great personalities of the State, expressed his desire to spend the rest of his life reading, writing and engaged in "other activities".

"It was an absolute honour and privilege for me to serve as the Rajya Sevak or Rajyapal of a great State like Maharashtra – the land of saints, social reformers and valiant fighters," Mr. Koshyari said, also tweeting his remarks.

The development comes a fortnight after Mr. Koshyari reportedly commented that the Governor's role had brought only "unhappiness" to him.

Since last November, the Governor has been facing fierce opprobrium from the MVA parties (Sharad Pawar-led NCP, Congress and Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction) for allegedly calling Shivaji "an icon of olden times".

Digvijaya's views are his own, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hours after former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh claimed that the Narendra Modi government had not given any proof of the 2019 'surgical strike' in response to the Pulwama terror attack, the Congress on Monday distanced itself from the comment.

"The views expressed by senior leader Digvijaya Singh are his own and do not reflect the position of Congress," Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said in a tweet.

"Surgical strikes were carried out before 2014 by UPA [United Progressive Alliance] government. Congress has supported and will continue to support all military actions that are in the national interest," the Congress leader added.

No patriotism left in Congress, says BJP after surgical strike remark

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said that the Congress was raising questions on the valour of our defence forces

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday accused the Congress of not having any "patriotism left ", after party leader Digvijaya Singh said the Union government had not given any proof of the 'surgical strikes' conducted by India across the Line of Control nor placed any report about them in Parliament.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP's headquarters in New Delhi, party spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said, "The country will not tolerate anyone speaking against our security forces. Due to their hate towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rahul Gandhi and Digvijaya Singh don't have patriotism left in them now."

"Digvijaya Singh says that the Army hasn't provided proof of the surgical strikes [in response to the Uri attack in 2016 and the Pulwama attack in 2019]. The Congress is raising questions on the valour of our defence forces, it does not trust the people who protect us," he said.

"It is the character of the Congress party to make irresponsible statements to remain in limelight, but if you speak against the Indian Army, this country will not tolerate it," Mr. Bhatia added.

"Whenever our defence forces display their bravery, a country that sponsors terrorism suffers the most from that, but it is unfortunate that the Congress experiences the pain," the BJP spokesperson said.

You will be left with no leaders, Meghalaya CM Sangma tells 'outsider' Trinamool Congress

Rahul Karmakar
ADOKGRE (MEGHALAYA)

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Monday "warned" the Trinamool Congress that it was "investing" in the State in vain as most of its leaders would abandon the party after the Assembly election. The polls are scheduled for February 27.

He continued the tradition set by his father, the late P.A. Sangma, and launched the campaign of the National People's Party (NPP) from Adokgre in North Garo Hills district.

Mr. Sangma told his West Bengal counterpart, Mamata Banerjee, that the Trinamool Congress was as much a "*bohiragato* (outsider)" in Meghalaya, as she had called a "national party" in her State.

Ms. Banerjee had called the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) an "outsider" party ahead of the 2021 West Bengal election.

In full swing: Conrad K. Sangma addressing an election rally for his National People's Party in Adokgre on Monday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

The BJP is a minor ally of the NPP in Meghalaya.

"I respect Madam Mamata Banerjee because she respected my father. But it is my duty to inform her the market is abuzz with predictions that most of the Trinamool leaders who joined from different political parties are planning to leave the Trinamool. In fact, they are already in touch with different political parties," Mr. Sangma told a large gathering at the Chenanggre stadium.

The Trinamool Congress became the principal Opposition party in Meghalaya overnight when 12 of the 17 Congress MLAs crossed over to the party in November 2021. Four of them quit the party before the Meghalaya election was declared and are contesting from other parties.

Pradeep Sharma's bail plea rejected

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday rejected the bail plea of former encounter specialist and Shiv Sena leader Pradeep Sharma. He was arrested in the Antilia bomb scare and Mansukh Hiren murder case.

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INBRIEF

CBI's plea challenging bail to Anil Deshmukh dismissed

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a petition by the CBI against bail granted to former Maharashtra Minister Anil Deshmukh in a corruption case. A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud pointed to Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the CBI, that the court had, similarly in October last year, refused an appeal by the ED against bail granted to Mr. Deshmukh. Though Mr. Mehta said the charges against Mr. Deshmukh were "serious", the CJI said the Bench did not want to intervene. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the apex court's refusal to entertain the CBI appeal was both "short and sweet".

RBI extends time for renewal of agreements for lockers

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the deadline for banks to complete the process of renewal of agreements for the existing safe deposit lockers in a phased manner by December 31, 2023, with intermediate milestones of 50% by June 30, 2023, and 75% by September 30, 2023. The earlier deadline was January 1, 2023. "Banks have been advised to make arrangements to facilitate execution of the revised agreements by ensuring availability of stamp papers," the RBI said in a circular. "In cases where operations in lockers have been frozen for non-execution of agreement by January 1, it shall be unfrozen with immediate effect," the circular said.

Char Dham priests condemn Trivendra Rawat's remarks

Char Dham temple priests came down heavily on Trivendra Rawat, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, who remarked that had the Devasthanam Board been in place, the State government would not have to wait for the Centre's help to rehabilitate people in Joshimath, the town affected by land subsidence. Talking to *The Hindu*, Suresh Semwal, president of Uttarakhand Char Dham Teerth Purohit Mahapanchayat, a body that represents the priests of Char Dham temples, said Mr. Rawat was an attention seeker and he kept commenting on sensitive issues just to hog the limelight.

Bharat Biotech subsidiary recalls rabies vaccine batch

Vaccine maker Bharat Biotech's subsidiary Chiron Behring Vaccines has initiated a voluntary recall of a specific batch of its rabies vaccine, Chirorab. "We have issued a voluntary product recall of a specific batch of Chirorab with batch number 4188... action has been initiated due to theft [of the vaccine] from the shipping services provider in Karnataka," Bharat Biotech said in a release. The batch was fully tested and released. However, following the theft of a part of the shipment, the company decided to recall the entire batch since cold chain storage conditions of the stolen vaccines are not known. The company requested that the batch not be sold and be returned to it.

Laid-off Indian IT professionals face U.S. visa deadline

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Thousands of Indian IT professionals in the U.S. who lost their jobs following a series of lay-offs at companies such as Google, Microsoft, Facebook and Amazon are now struggling to find new employment within the period stipulated by their work visas to stay in the country.

According to *The Washington Post*, nearly two lakh IT workers have been laid off since November.

As per some industry insiders, of the sacked IT workers, 30% to 40% are Indians, a significant number of whom are on H-1B and L1 visas.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows U.S. companies to employ foreign workers in special occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries such as India and China. L-1A and L-1B visas are available for temporary intracompany transferees who work in managerial positions or have specialised knowledge.

Scrambling for options

A significantly large number of Indian IT professionals, who are on non-immigrant work visas such as H-1B and L1, are now scrambling for options to stay in the U.S. to find a new job in the stipulated few months that they get under these foreign work visas after losing their jobs and changing their visa status as well.

Amazon staffer Gita (name changed) arrived in the U.S. only three months ago. This week, she was told that March 20 would be her last working day.

Uncertain future: Over 30% of the two lakh IT professionals laid off in the U.S. since November are Indians.

The situation is getting worse for those on H-1B visas as they have to find a new job within 60 days or else they will be left with no other option but to head back to India.

Under current circumstances, when all IT companies are on a firing spree, they feel that getting a job within that short period is next to impossible.

Devastating situation

Sita (name changed), another IT professional on H-1B visa, got laid off from Microsoft on January 18. She is a single mother. Her son is a high school junior, preparing to get into college. "This situation is really hard on us," she said.

"It is unfortunate that thousands of tech employees are facing lay-offs, particularly those on H-1B visas who are facing additional challenges as they must find a new job and transfer their visa within 60 days of termination or risk leaving the country," Silicon Valley-based entrepreneur and community leader Ajay Jain Bhutoria said.

"This can have devastating consequences for families, including the sale of properties and disruptions to children's education. It would be beneficial for tech companies to show special consideration for H-1B workers and extend their termination date by a few months, as the job market and recruitment process can be challenging," he said.

The Global Indian Technology Professionals Association (GITPRO) and the Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) on Sunday launched a community-wide effort to try and help these IT professionals by connecting job seekers to job referrers and informers. The FIIDS will work on efforts to influence policy-makers and decision-makers of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"With massive lay-offs in the tech industry, January has been brutal for tech professionals. Many talented folks lost their jobs. As the tech industry is dominated by Indian immigrants, they are the most impacted," Khande Rao Kand of the FIIDS said. The laid-off H-1B holders need to find an H-1B sponsoring job in 60 days or leave within 10 days after becoming out of status.

Railways starts Aadhaar-based authentication for applicants

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a bid to prevent impersonation in recruitment examinations, the Ministry of Railways has introduced an Aadhaar-based biometric authentication process for job aspirants.

Official sources told *The Hindu* that the system was used for the first time during a recruitment exam that was conducted in multiple phases between August 17 and October 11, 2022. The identities of around 95% of the 1.1 crore candidates were verified using this process.

RailTel, a public sector undertaking under the Indian Railways, tied up with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to access biometric details of the applicants. "The biometric details of Aadhaar-card holders are stored in an encrypted manner in the UIDAI server. RailTel acted as the interface for us to verify the applicant identity," a source said.

Computer-based examinations for recruitment occur phase-wise in designated centres over various shifts. The source said, "We pulled off 99 shifts over five phases in 33 days to accommodate 1.1 crore applicants. The candidates register their biometrics at the exam centre. We were able to verify these biometrics with UIDAI within a short span of 30 minutes."

INS Vagir, fifth Scorpene submarine, commissioned

Navy chief says it is the third submarine inducted into the Navy in a short span of 24 months; the sixth submarine, *Vagsheer*, is expected to be delivered to the Navy by the end of this year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The fifth Scorpene class conventional submarine was commissioned into the Indian Navy as *INS Vagir* in the presence of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on Monday.

The sixth and the last of the French-origin Scorpene-class submarines, *Vagsheer*, being built in India under technology transfer is currently undergoing sea trials and will be delivered to the Navy in 2024, the original manufacturer Naval Group said.

With this, the Navy now has 16 conventional and one nuclear submarine in service.

It includes seven Russian Kilo class submarines, four German HDW submarines, five Scorpene class submarines, and the indigenous nuclear ballistic missile submarine, *INS Arihant*.

"*Vagir* will be the third submarine inducted into the Navy in a short span of 24 months. This is no small achievement, and underscores the coming of age of India's shipbuilding industry and the maturing of our defence ecosystem. It is also a shining testimony to the expertise and experience of our shipyards to construct complex and complicated platforms," Admiral Kumar said at the commissioning ceremony.

Adding firepower: *INS Vagir* was launched into water on November 12, 2020 and commenced sea trials on February 1, 2022. EMMANUAL YOGINI

"These aspects also serve to reinforce the Indian Navy's unequivocal commitment and steadfast resolve to be a fully Aatma Nirbhar force by 2047," he added.

The Navy chief further complimented the submarine's Commanding Officer and his team for pushing through "all major trials, including those of weapons and sensors, within a short span of just 11 months".

Agreement reached on AIP modules

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In an important step that will enhance the endurance of the Scorpene-class conventional submarines of the Indian Navy, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Naval Group have reached an agreement to fit the indigenous fuel cell-based Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system on *INS Kulvari* soon. The AIP has been developed by the DRDO's Naval Materials Research Laboratory and the land-based prototype has been tested.

"This new endeavour between DRDO and Naval Group France will be a very significant step towards the detailed design certification of the energy module, which will be performed by NMRL," the DRDO said.

Plea on panel on SC status for converts dismissed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and A.S. Oka on Monday dismissed a petition challenging the formation of a Commission of Inquiry to examine whether Scheduled Caste status can be accorded to Dalit Christians and Muslims.

The writ petition was filed by Pratap Baburao Pandit, secretary of Pragat Padhividhar Sanghatna, a social and educational trust registered in Pune, who said that he was a Christian of Scheduled Caste origin, belonging to the Mahar community.

Praying that the functioning of the commission be stayed and the notification forming it be quashed, the writ petition argued that the Union government has over the years formed multiple commissions, dating back to the first Backward Classes Commission (1955) on this subject, that have pronounced the need for according SC status to Dalits who have converted to Islam or Christianity.

The petition said, "The appointment of a new commission is with wrong intention of delaying the justice on the petition pending in this honourable court." The top court is expected to take up the main batch of petitions seeking SC status for Dalit converts in March this year.

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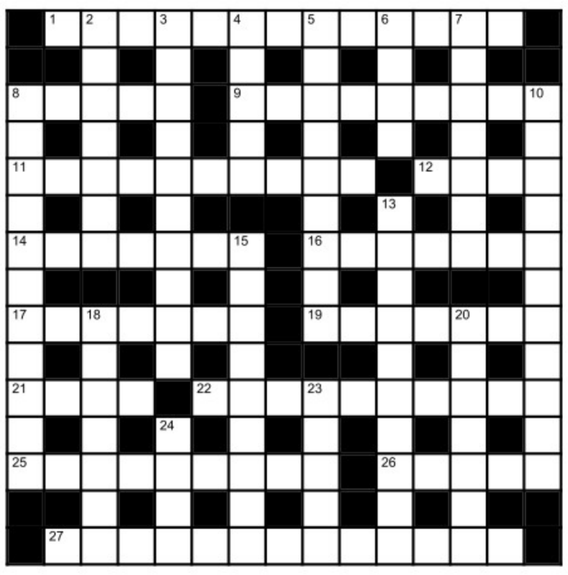

Across

1 Gratifyingly brief film about Dr Watson reviewed (5,3,5)
8 Coats and hats around back of store (5)
9 Prompt to take afternoon rest (9)
11 Police line-up has Bihar's foremost criminal (10)
12 Seaweed in botanical garden (4)
14 Dash back, carrying money to get beer and dish of meat (7)
16 Weatherperson in lecture describing recurrent climate phenomena (2,5)
17 Vigorously cleans front of protective camera accessory (4,3)
19 Like a cross fastened over entrance to surgical hospital (1-6)
21 Fell initially, learning a jump in figure skating (4)
22 Student in dilemma rebelliously abandons poorly understood subjects (5,5)
25 Entire rift developed after assassination of king and queen (9)
26 Same blunders across ten tests (5)
27 Consuming drink, evil cheat misbehaves, inviting English female's rebuff (4,2,3,4)

Down

2 Word that's more specific in short song about small horse (7)
3 Rise up! Stand and fight (10)
4 Technique to tackle round opening of aneurysm in blood vessel (5)
5 Soothing medicine is satisfactory, having reduced swelling all round (9)
6 Keen head of infotech cracks revolutionary code (4)
7 Oddly evil old novel about phantom (7)
8 Top Italian criminal bagging good profit from sale of asset (7,4)
10 Speaks with enthusiasm, animatedly praises husband hosting small retro party (11)
13 Where book might be no longer useful (2,3,5)
15 Lies trembling after receiving kiss, excited about performing in the sack (9)
18 Den with fuel blown up as stipulated (7)
20 Film about American civil rights activist is mundane (7)
23 Knocking back drink after consuming ecstasy, start to hysterically snicker (5)
24 Republican in depression over blunder (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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5	2	6	4	1	9	7	8	3
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1	5	4	2	9	3	8	6	7

FAITH

Greatness of Narayaneeyam

Achyutha is the greatest of all devathas. Among the devotees of Lord Vishnu, Sri Parameswara stands first. Of all the rivers, the Ganga is the most sacred one and of the various puranas Srimad Bhagavatham is the supreme most. Reading Bhagavatham creates a divine fervour. If we listen to it through our ears, our eyes will be welled up and tears roll down. The true identity of a scripture is to identify the Supreme Being and Srimad Bhagavatham exactly reveals the same.

Sri Narayana Bhattadri, a great Rig Vedic scholar, an exponent in Vyakarana sastra and Advaitha philosophy, was deeply attracted after reading Bhagavatham. It contains all the stories of Lord Krishna. It induced him to compose Sriman Narayaneeyam. It is titled so because it tells about Lord Narayana (Guruvayurappan) and composed by Sri Narayana Bhattadri.

It is called "Anugraha Grantha" because a person who recites it is sure to be blessed with all peace, happiness and prosperity. Instead of obtaining a miniscule benefit by putting in maximum efforts by ourselves, with the help and guidance of Acharyas and Gurus, we can derive great benefits through least efforts, said Sri Damodhara Dhikshitar in a discourse.

When we are in the beginning stage, we may pray for our well being and comforts. As we go advanced, we will pray for the sake of all. The eyes of truly dedicated devotees will see only good even in bad people. Prahladha never requested the Lord to protect him or hand out punishments to his father. Lord Narasimha emerged by Himself to save Prahladha and all the celestials.

LONDON

U.K. ambulance workers strike again as unions call for talks

AP

Thousands of ambulance workers held another strike across England and Wales on Monday, in escalating industrial action as unions called the government to hold talks on improving pay and conditions. Ambulance workers began strike action on December 21 last year and further dates are planned for February. AFP

PARIS

Burkina Faso asked French troops to quit, diplomatic note confirms

AFP

Burkina Faso asked France to move its troops out of the country within a month, according to a diplomatic letter from the authorities. The Foreign Ministry's letter, dated last Wednesday, ends the 2018 agreement under which French troops were stationed there, and sets a deadline of a month for departure. AFP

BRUSSELS

EU imposes new sanctions on Iran officials over protest crackdown

AFP

The EU on Monday placed 37 more Iranian officials and entities on an asset-freeze and visa-ban blacklist over Tehran's bloody crackdown on protesters. The bloc targeted the Minister of Sports and the command of the Revolutionary Guards in 12 regions of Iran in its fourth round of sanctions, the EU's official journal said. AFP

KARACHI

Woman shot dead by father in Pak. court for marrying against his will

AFP

A newly wed woman was shot dead on Monday by her father in a court in Karachi, Pakistan, the police said. The incident happened when the woman came to the court to record her statement to confirm she had entered into a free-will marriage, they said. The woman from Waziristan had recently married a doctor. PTI

Grid failure causes massive power outage in Pakistan

Millions in large parts of the country, including capital Islamabad and financial hub Karachi, were left without electricity; the Energy Ministry says the maintenance work is 'progressing rapidly'

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan faced a major power breakdown on Monday due to a "frequency variation" in the national grid, leaving millions of people in large parts of the country, including capital Islamabad and financial hub Karachi, without electricity. The Ministry of Energy said the system of frequency of the national grid went down at 7.34 a.m. local time. "System maintenance work is progressing rapidly," it tweeted.

Energy Minister Khurram Dastgir said the restoration work was going on. "I can assure you that power will be fully restored across the country within the next 12 hours," he was quoted as saying by *Geo News*. Explaining the failure, he said the authorities shut down the power generation system at night due to lower demand in winter to save fuel costs.

All down: The Metro train service in Lahore was suspended following a power outage across Pakistan on Monday. AFP

But when the systems were turned on in the morning, "frequency variation and voltage fluctuation were observed in the south of the country... somewhere between Dadu and Jamshoro" resulting in shutting down of power generating units one by one, he said.

No electricity

People in Pakistan's financial capital Karachi woke up on Monday with no electricity available anywhere in the metropolis. According to details, the major power breakdown also hit other cities but Karachi was the worst affected. In Peshawar, some people were reportedly unable to get drinking water as the pumps were powered by electricity.

It is not the first time that the country has faced such a crisis. In October 2022, Pakistan witnessed a 12-hour power outage due to technical glitches in the distribution system.

Pakistan is grappling with one of the country's worst economic crises in recent years amid dwindling foreign exchange reserves. The crisis forced the government earlier this month to order shopping malls and markets to close by 8:30 p.m. for energy conservation purposes.

The sorry state of the country's power sector is emblematic of its ailing economy. The power outages occur frequently due to lack of funds to upgrade aging infrastructure.

Russia, NATO member Estonia expel ambassadors amid 'destroyed' ties

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russia and Estonia on Monday were expelling the ambassadors from each other's countries in a tit-for-tat move, saying that their diplomatic missions will be headed by *charges d'affaires*. The Russian Foreign Ministry summoned Estonian Ambassador Margus Laidre and ordered him to leave the country by February 7.

The statement issued by the Ministry said that Estonia's diplomatic representation from now on will be downgraded to a *charge d'affaires* that heads the European Union country's mission in Moscow.

The Ministry said that the move was made in retaliation for Estonia's "new unfriendly step to radically reduce the size of the Russian Embassy in Tallinn."

Tough days: Estonia's ambassador to Russia Margus Laidre leaving the Russian Foreign Ministry building in Moscow on Monday. AP

In response, Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu said that the Russian ambassador will leave on February 7 too, in accordance with "the principle of parity."

The Estonian Foreign Ministry earlier this month ordered Russia to reduce the number of its embassy staff to eight diplomats and 15 administrative, technical and service staff members in order to "reach parity in embassy staff" by February 1.

Estonia has reduced its bilateral relations with Moscow "to the absolute minimum" since the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine, Reinsalu said in a statement on January 11. "Now we are setting a limit to the number of Russian diplomats working in Estonia in order to achieve parity. Today's step is in correlation with the low point of our relations in general," he said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday that "the Estonian leadership has purposefully destroyed the entire range of relations with Russia."

"Total Russophobia, the cultivation of hostility towards our country have been elevated by Tallinn to the rank of State policy," the statement read.

Suspect in California killings found dead, motive unclear: police

Associated Press
MONTEREY PARK

Authorities searched for a motive for the gunman who killed 10 people at a Los Angeles-area ballroom dance club during Lunar New Year celebrations, slayings that sent a wave of fear through Asian American communities and cast a shadow over festivities nationwide.

The suspect, 72-year-old Huu Can Tran, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Sunday in the van that authorities say he used to flee after being prevented from attacking another dance hall. A man whose family runs the venue confronted the assailant in the lobby and wrested the gun from him, *The New York Times* reported.

The massacre in Monterey Park was the nation's fifth mass killing this month – and it struck one of California's largest celebrations of a holiday observed in many Asian cultures, dealing another blow to a community that has been the target of high-profile violence in recent years.

Very little is known about Tran or his connection to the targeted community and dance halls. Public records show he once had addresses in Monterey Park and neighbouring cities.

The suspect was carrying what Mr. Luna described as a semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine, and a second handgun was discovered in the van where Tran died.

Poland wants more tanks for Kyiv, asks for German consent

Associated Press
WARSAW

Poland said on Monday it would ask Berlin for permission to send German-built Leopard tanks to Ukraine, as the government in Warsaw pushes its Western allies to move faster on supplying Kyiv with more military hardware to thwart Russia's invasion.

Germany has hesitated over sending tanks to Ukraine. But Polish officials took heart from the German Foreign Minister's remarks on Sunday that Berlin wouldn't seek to stop Poland from providing Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki didn't specify when the request to Germany will be made. He said that Poland is building a coalition of nations ready to send the tanks to Ukraine.

A Leopard 2 battle tank.

Poland needs the consent of Germany to send them to a non-NATO country. But even if there is no permission from Germany, Warsaw will make its own decisions, the PM said.

Poland has become a leading advocate in the EU for giving Ukraine the military aid that could help it prevail over the Kremlin's invading forces.

Japan PM Kishida prioritises military build-up and reversal of low birth rate

Associated Press
TOKYO

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Monday that Japan faces the severest security environment since the end of the Second World War and pledged to push a military build-up under a newly adopted security strategy, and tackle rapidly declining births so the country can sustain national strength.

Mr. Kishida's government in December adopted key security and defence reforms, including a counterstrike capability that breaks from the country's exclusively self-defence-only postwar principle. Japan says the current deployment of missile interceptors is insufficient to defend it from rapid weapons advancement in China and North Korea.

Policy speech

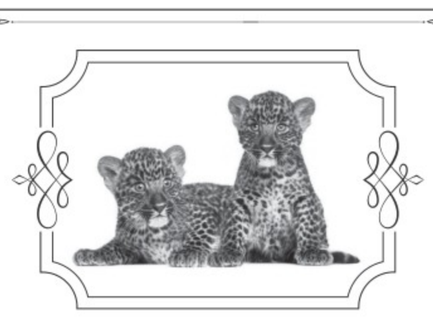
In his policy speech opening this year's parliamentary session, Mr. Kishida said active diplomacy should be prioritised, but it requires "defence power to back it up."

He said Japan's new security strategy is based on a realistic simulation "as we face the most severe and complex security environment since the end of Second World War and a question if we can protect the people's lives in an emergency."

THE OTHER OBITUARY
THE HINDU GROUP

The Hindu's 'The Other Obituary' campaign for the World Wildlife Conservation Day invited readers to share reports of destructive human intervention leading to death and extinction of animals and trees. Some of the responses from our readers are featured here.

Write in about the death of flora and fauna in your vicinity due to human activities and share it with us at **theotherobituary@thehindu.co.in** to get it featured.



We are deeply saddened by the untimely passing of two little Leopard cubs.

They were burnt alive in a sugarcane farm in Maharashtra. They were only two days old and were taken away from us too soon. Today, Samidh Phadale remembers them with tears and prayers.

We are deeply saddened to inform the death of Mr Cobra.

He was run over by a speeding vehicle in Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve last Wednesday. This is the 5th member of the Elapidae family to meet the same unfortunate end.

Dr R. Karpagam and her family grieve the loss of Mr Cobra and his friends.

With profound grief, we remember the demise of our marine friends of the Ghaggar river. Plastic bags that were carelessly dropped into the river choked them to death.

On the occasion of their first death anniversary, Ms Aastha Dewan prays that India's diminishing wildlife be protected in the future.

In loving memory of our beloved Sarjapur Trees.

Home to several creatures of the wild, the Sarjapur Trees, were killed in their prime. The members of Voice of Sarjapura grieve the painful loss of their dear tree friends with broken hearts.

Bhuvan Singh Solanki grieves the death of Mr Groot.

He took his final breath on the night of December 06, 2022. A friend of the firefly family, he provided food, shelter and air to everyone who came to him. His presence will be deeply missed.

They can chop you from the ground, but not from our hearts.

Bhuvan Singh Solanki informs the sad demise of Mr Jujubee with a heavy heart. He was chopped to death at the tender age of 25. Bhuvan and his friends miss his presence.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kalivi Kodi

February 2002 - January 2006

Remembering the sweet chirps of our beloved Jerdon's Courser family, lovingly called Kalivi Kodi, on their 17th death anniversary. Lahari Sree along with other wildlife enthusiasts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana miss their little avian friends.

INBRIEF

Maruti recalls 11,177 units of Grand Vitara to fix brackets

Maruti Suzuki on Monday said it was recalling 11,177 units of its mid-sized SUV Grand Vitara to fix a possible defect in rear seat belt mounting brackets. The affected lot was manufactured between August 8, 2022 and November 15, 2022, the carmaker said in a regulatory filing. Vehicle owners will receive communication for replacement of the affected parts free of cost. PTI

'Tier II cities beat metros in term insurance product sales'

India's Tier II cities like Ludhiana, Jaipur, Patna and Pune beat metros in terms of buying term insurance or pure insurance products, as per a report. According to the India Protection Quotient survey (IPQ) commissioned by Max Life Insurance, awareness about term insurance products had increased post pandemic. There had been steady progress in preference of online channels to purchase term insurance, while agents remain the top channel of purchase with 2 out of 3 urban Indians opting for it, it said. PTI

India Cements signs new wage pact with trade unions

India Cements Ltd. (ICL) has entered into four-year wage settlement with trade unions which will take effect from April 1, 2022. Each of the 500 workmen, employed in the 10 cement plants of the firm, would get a total rise of ₹5,000 a month, the company said in a statement. Further, the agreement provides for revising the variable DA payable from ₹2.55 per point in CPI to ₹2.75 per point. This is expected to fetch an additional ₹5,000 per month per head at the end of the fourth year.

'Apple targets raising India share of production to 25%'

Commerce Minister Goyal flags company's aspiration to raise output share from 5-7% currently; vendor to the iPhone maker, Foxconn, plans to quadruple workforce at India factory over 2 years

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Apple Inc. wants India to account for up to 25% of its production from about 5%-7% now, the trade Minister told a conference on Monday, as the iPhone maker continues to move its manufacturing away from China.

"Apple, another success story," Piyush Goyal said, pitching India as a competitive manufacturing destination. "They are already at about 5-7% of their manufacturing in India. If I am not mistaken, they are targeting to go up to 25% of their manufacturing. They launched the most recent models from India, manufactured in India."

Apple began iPhone assembly in the country in 2017 via Wistron and later with Foxconn. Foxconn plans to quadruple workforce at its iPhone factory in India over two years, sources said late last year.

Ashwini Vaishnaw, electronics and information technology Minister, tweeted on Monday that Apple's exports from India had hit $1 billion for December. China's COVID curbs, and rising tensions with the U.S., have spurred Apple's plans to shift production elsewhere. J.P. Morgan analysts estimated last year that a quarter of all Apple products would be made outside China by 2025, from 5% currently.

Bigger bite

Apple has bet big on India since it began iPhone assembly here in 2017 with Wistron and later with Foxconn

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'No foreign investment cap on sovereign green bonds'

Reuters
BENGALURU

The sovereign green bonds issued by the Indian government will not have any restrictions on foreign investment, the Reserve Bank of India said.

Such securities will be counted as specified securities under the fully accessible route, the central bank said in a notification

The RBI had earlier this month announced an auction of ₹160 billion of sovereign green bonds.

The fully-accessible route includes securities which do not have any restrictions on holdings by foreign investors.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,942	0.53
US Dollar	81.37	-0.19
Gold	56,840	-0.32
Brent oil	88.96	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3436.35	-19.80
Adani Ports	769.05	-5.40
Apollo Hosp	4335.45	50.20
Asian Paints	2784.45	-3.35
Axis Bank	932.70	2.15
Bajaj Auto	3623.55	50.80
Bajaj Finserv	1332.75	-0.45
Bajaj Finance	5863.00	2.60
Bharti Airtel	772.70	8.25
BPCL	349.60	3.25
Britannia Ind	4337.85	18.90
Cipla	1062.55	9.10
Coal India	230.10	3.10
Divis Lab	3385.70	42.55
Dr Reddys Lab	4337.85	-12.75
Eicher Motors	3203.35	52.85
Grasim Ind	1631.30	-24.05
HCL Tech	1121.20	13.40
HDFC	2741.90	25.95
HDFC Bank	1673.10	12.15
HDFC Life	589.20	-1.35
Hero MotoCorp	2774.60	28.15
Hindalco	494.20	4.25
Hind Unilever	2596.40	47.65
ICICI Bank	871.70	1.35
IndusInd Bank	1204.70	2.25
Infosys	1548.00	22.45
ITC	337.75	3.15
JSW Steel	733.95	-7.50
Kotak Bank	1783.75	20.85
L&T	2233.50	-16.45
M&M	1328.45	13.70
Maruti Suzuki	8417.10	-22.70
NestleIndia	19367.10	167.05
NTPC	166.85	-1.85
ONGC	152.35	0.75
PowerGrid Corp	225.10	1.85
Reliance Ind	2430.30	-12.35
SBI Life	1295.40	-0.70
State Bank	600.45	8.25
Sun Pharma	1049.30	18.95
TataConsumerProduct	742.45	4.00
Tata Motors	408.40	5.25
Tata Steel	122.00	-0.95
TCS	3414.90	51.80
Tech Mahindra	1065.30	18.80
Titan	2364.70	-6.60
UltraTech Cement	6849.75	-327.40
UPL	749.45	11.65
Wipro	407.00	3.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.19	81.51
Euro	88.48	88.83
British Pound	100.41	100.82
Japanese Yen (100)	62.40	62.65
Chinese Yuan	11.97	12.02
Swiss Franc	88.24	88.60
Singapore Dollar	61.63	61.89
Canadian Dollar	60.78	61.03
Malaysian Ringitt	18.93	19.03
Australian Dollar	56.95	57.17

Source:Indian Bank

Axis Bank Q3 profit jumps on higher NII

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Axis Bank said third quarter net profit grew 62% to ₹5,853 crore from the year-earlier period.

Net Interest Income (NII) grew 32% ₹11,459 crore, the private sector lender said in a filing. Net interest margin was higher by 73 basis points at 4.26%.

"In the midst of global uncertainty, India stands as a bright spot offering great stability and opportunities for the economy and businesses," said Amitabh Chaudhry, MD and CEO, Axis Bank. "The banking sector is in a good position to leverage this great momentum built over the last few quarters".

Amitabh Chaudhry

"The Citi merger has been shaping very well."

Deposits grew 9%, while net advances expanded 15% to ₹7,62,075 crore.

SAT gives relief to NSE in co-location case of 2019

Reuters

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Monday set aside a ruling by the SEBI against the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in a co-location case of 2019, according to an order published on the tribunal's website.

The tribunal ordered the NSE to pay the ₹1-billion penalty for system lapses but set aside a disgorgement of almost ₹11 billion for illegal gains levied by markets regulator SEBI.

CIL mulls ₹12,000-cr. power unit in Odisha

Press Trust of India
SAMBALPUR (ODISHA)

Coal India arm MCL is in the process of diversifying into power generation and will set up a coal-based plant entailing an investment of about ₹12,000 crore in Odisha, its CMD O.P. Singh said.

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) also plans to diversify into aluminium.

'PPA being finalised'

"We are in the process of diversifying into power generation," he said. "The power purchase agreement (PPA) is in the process of getting finalised with a few States," he told reporters.

The subsidiary has applied to the government for coal linkage for the proposed 1,600-MW coal-fired power plant and the allotment is yet to be made.

The government is also advising the company to go for diversification "so they are definitely with us," Mr. Singh explained.

He said MCL was in the process of getting bauxite block allotted for its foray into the aluminum business. The tentative capacity of the mine would be 3 million tonnes per annum.

Canara Bank's third-quarter net almost doubles

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Canara Bank reported a 92% rise in net profit for the third quarter ended December to ₹2,881.5 crore from a year earlier.

Global business rose 13.6% to more than ₹20 lakh crore. The lender's net interest income grew 24% to ₹8,600 crore.

Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio slid to 5.89% (7.8%) and net NPAs to 1.96% (2.86%). Housing loans expanded 15.8% to ₹81,916 crore.

'LTIMindtree in big league post merger'

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

LTIMindtree is 'already in the big league' of Indian IT services players, COO and whole time director Nachiket Deshpande said.

"We are competing with giants such as TCS, Infosys and Cognizant in 8 out of 10 deals," Mr. Deshpande said in an interview.

"Another significant development is our BFSI services portfolio is now more than $1 billion (as of 9MFY23) giving us the fifth-largest ranking in financial services among our Indian peer group," he added.

He said he was looking to deliver $1 billion worth of revenue synergies over the next few years and enhancement of 200 basis-point profit margin synergies subsequently. He added that hiring was linked to business growth.

On potential recessions in the U.S. and Europe, the firm's biggest markets, he said in terms of clients, there was boardroom caution, a wait-'n'-watch stance and apprehension around how things pan out. However, clients were more careful about return on investments and there was sharper scrutiny here.

KVB Q3 net rises 56% on net interest income

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.'s (KVB) standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 56% to ₹289 crore due to increase in net interest income and improvement in asset quality.

Total income rose 37% to ₹1,206 crore; net interest income improved 29% to ₹889 crore and other income to ₹317 crore (₹196 crore).

Net interest margin increased by 64 basis points to 4.32%, the lender said.

Vistara records 'first-ever' net profit in December quarter

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Full-service carrier Vistara on Monday said that it recorded its first-ever net profit, excluding unrealised foreign currency loss and non-operating income, for the quarter ended December, 2022.

The airline, which recently celebrated its eighth anniversary, said in a statement it was able to break even for the first time in the last quarter, and also crossed the $1-billion revenue mark and remained 'EBITDA positive' in the financial year 2023.

The airline, which is now being merged with the Air India group, welcomed the news of profitability at a time when the year-end travel season saw passenger demand exceed pre-COVID levels and sky-high airfares allowed airlines to improve their revenue passenger kilometres.

The mismatch in growth in air travellers and aircraft capacity in the market allowed airlines to command high fares. The airline, however, managed to add 10 aircraft in 2022, taking total fleet size to 53, enabling it to achieve market share of 10.4% compared with 6.7% pre-pandemic.

A factor that also helped the airline reach profitability was its introduction of long-haul flights to London, Tokyo, Frankfurt and Paris during the peak pandemic period between 2020 and 2021.

TMB Q3 net surges 38% as interest income rises

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.'s third-quarter standalone net profit rose 38% to ₹280 crore due to increase in net interest income and improvement in asset quality, said MD S. Krishnan.

Net interest income increased to ₹534 crore from ₹453 crore. Net interest margin rose to 4.5% from 4.03%. Total income slid to ₹1,173 crore (₹1,213 crore), of which interest income was ₹1,012 crore and non-interest income ₹161 crore.

Sport

Former Asian decathlon champion Sabir passes away

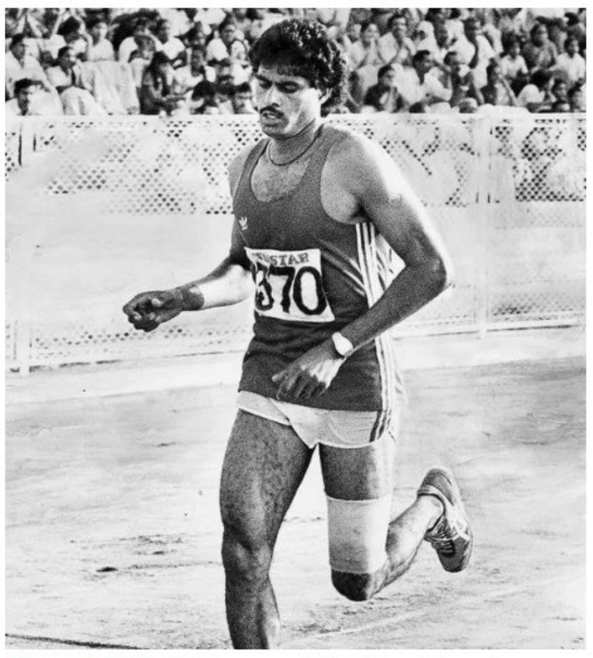
Sports Bureau
KOCHI

Sabir Ali, the last Indian to win the decathlon gold at the Asian athletics championships (Tokyo, 1981), passed away in New Delhi on Sunday. He was 67.

Indians dominated Asian decathlon those days with Vijay Singh Chauhan (1973) and Suresh Babu (1975) winning the gold at the first two Asian championships.

And Sabir Ali's Tokyo Asian gold came with 7253 points. He received the Arjuna Award later that year.

He was also a multiple National champion in the decathlon and a World Railway Games medallist.



All-round athlete: Sabir was a multiple National champion.

Gukesh, Adhiban win; Pragg suffers first loss

TATA STEEL CHESS

Sports Bureau

R. Praggnanandhaa's first loss coincided with D. Gukesh's first victory in the eighth round of the Masters section in the Tata Steel chess tournament in Wijk aan Zee on Sunday.

Praggnanandhaa lost to Romania's Richard Rapport in 40 moves, while Gukesh reached within one move of checkmating Parham Maghsoodloo when the Iranian gave up on the 49th move.

In the Challengers section, B. Adhiban posted his first victory after dismantling Brazil's Luis Supi in 49 moves.

The results (eighth round):

Masters: Richard Rapport (Rom, 3.5) bt R. Praggnanandhaa (4.5); D. Gukesh (2.5) bt Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri, 3.5); Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 3) bt Arjun Erigaisi (3); Nordirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 6) drew with Levon Aronian (USA, 4.5); Fabiano Caruana (USA, 4.5) lost to Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 4.5); Anish Giri (5) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 2.5); Wesley So (5) drew with Ding Liren (Chn, 4).

Challengers: Luis Supi (Bra, 3) lost to B. Adhiban (4); Eline Roebers (Ned, 2.5) drew with R. Vaishali (3.5); Abhimanyu Mishra (USA, 3) drew with Alexander Donchenko (Ger, 6); Mustafa Yilmaz (Tur, 5.5) bt Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 5); Velimir Ivic (Srb, 5.5) bt Jergus Pechac (Svk, 1.5); L'Ami Erwin (3.5) drew with Thomas Beerdsen (Ned, 5); Max Warmerdam (Ned, 3.5) drew with Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 4.5).

Priceless Gold lives up to the billing in the Qutab Shahi Million

HYDERABAD: Trainer Rajesh Narredu's Priceless Gold, ridden by Yash Narredu, snatched the verdict by a head from Black Onyx in the Qutab Shahi Million, the feature event of Monday's (Jan. 23) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Mukul Sonawala & Mr. D.R. Thacker rep. DT Racing & Breeding LLP.

1. BHUPALPALLY PLATE: ORIGINAL SIN (Akshay Kumar) 1, Only The Brave (Santosh Raj) 2, Shadow Of The Moon (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Windsor (Afroz Khan) 4. 3-1/4, 2 and Nose. 1m, 26.15s. ₹17 (w), 11, 44 and 18 (p). SHP: 201, THP: 111, SHW: 15 and 123, FP: 747, Q: 727, Tanala: 3,858. Favourite: Original Sin. Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

2. KING'S CROWN PLATE: BEDFORD (Santosh Raj) 1, Ayr (Akshay Kumar) 2, Kingston (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Stunning Force (Sonu Kumar) 4. 1-1/4, 1-1/2 and 2. 1m, 11.20s. ₹49 (w), 23 and 14 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 39, SHW: 16 and 13, FP: 107, Q: 50, Tanala: 242. Favourite: Ayr. Owners: Mr. Teegala Vijender Reddy, Mr. Teegala Upender Reddy & Mr. Narendra Vithaldas Shah. Trainer: N. Rawal.

3. MEDCHAL PLATE: IVANHOE (Kuldeep S) 1, Master Touch (Akshay Kumar) 2, Royal Pal (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Mireya (B. Nikhil) 4. 2, 3-3/4 and 4-1/2. 1m, 26.69s. ₹15 (w), 10, 16 and 19 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 50, SHW: 10 and 26, FP: 34, Q: 24, Tanala: 92. Favourite: Ivanhoe. Owner: Mr. Aditya P. Thackersey. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

4. BRAVE HUNTER CUP: TRUE ICON (B. Nikhil) 1, Barbet (Kiran Naidu) 2, Strauss (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Thanks (Kuldeep S) 4. Nk, 1 and Hd. 1m, 25.83s. ₹61 (w), 18, 11 and 10 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 39, SHW: 32 and 10, FP: 194, Q: 117, Tanala: 740. Favourite: Barbet. Owners: Kunwar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat & Mr. D.B. Poornima Chowdary. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. BONZER CUP : ROLE MODEL (B. Nikhil) 1, Superstellar (Kuldeep S) 2, Resurgence (Surya Prakash) 3 and Special And Thong (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 1/2, 2-1/4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 40.45s. ₹97 (w), 19, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 54, SHW: 39 and 17, FP: 502, Q: 173, Tanala: 894. Favourite: N R I Ultrapower. Owners: Mr. AI Murugappan & Mr. Sultan Singh rep. Sohna Stud Farm Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

6. QUTAB SHAHI MILLION: PRICELESS GOLD (Yash Narredu) 1, Black Onyx (D.S. Deora) 2, Bellator (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Watch My Stride (Akshay Kumar) 4. Hd, 1-1/4 and 4. 1m, 38.83s. ₹13 (w), 12 and 13 (p). SHP: 26, THP: 39, SHW: 14 and 10, FP: 31, Q: 26, Tanala: 184. Favourite: Priceless Gold. Owners: Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Mukul Sonawala & Mr. D.R. Thacker rep. DT Racing & Breeding LLP. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

7. NARAYANPET PLATE: GENERAL ATLANTIC (Gaurav Singh) 1, Painted Apache (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Campania (Afroz Khan) 3 and Show Me Your Walk (Abhay Singh) 4. Not run: Top In Class. Hd, 3/4 and Nose. 1m, 39.67s. ₹53 (w), 12, 18 and 12 (p). SHP: 55, THP: 67, SHW: 22 and 35, FP: 303, Q: 161, Tanala: 801. Favourite: Campania. Owner: Mr. Praveen Kumar Katakam. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹16,417 (12 tkts.) & 30%: 1,206 (70 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 3,075 (10 tkts.), (ii) 16,113 (2 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 1,253 (22 tkts.), (ii) 1,662 (23 tkts.).

ONE FOR THE ALBUM

Rahul and Athiya tie the knot, share wedding photos

Bollywood actor Athiya Shetty and Indian cricketer K.L. Rahul on Monday tied the knot in an intimate ceremony. The two got married in the presence of close family members and friends, at Athiya's actor-father Suniel Shetty's farmhouse in Khandala, about 82km from Mumbai. They shared the wedding photos on Instagram.

ROLLICKING STAND

Smriti and Harmanpreet on song as India makes 167 against WI

India, powered by opener Smriti Mandhana's unbeaten 74 (51b, 10x4, 1x6) and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's 56 not out (35b, 8x4), posted a challenging score of 167 for two against West Indies in the women's T20I tri-series in East London on Monday. Smriti and Harmanpreet put on 115 for the unbroken third wicket.

ELITE LIST

Suryakumar, Kohli and Hardik in ICC T20I team of the year

Suryakumar Yadav, Virat Kohli and Hardik Pandya were on Monday picked in the ICC 'Men's T20I team of 2022'. The women's team has four Indians — Smriti Mandhana, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh and Renuka Singh. Jos Buttler was named captain of the men's team while Sophie Devine will skipper the women's team.

BELIEF

Djokovic feels he has the legs to go all the way at Melbourne Park

Novak Djokovic, who overwhelmed Alex de Minaur to reach the quarterfinals for the 13th time at Melbourne Park, is confident of adding to his Grand Slam collection. "The way I played, the way I felt, gives me reason to believe that I can go all the way. I always believe I can, but the way my leg felt today, I feel positive," he said.

Korea refuses to wilt under pressure, shoots out Argentina

Down by two goals with 13 minutes to go, the Koreans roar back into contention to make it 5-5 at the end of regulation time; goalkeeper Jaehyeon Kim emerges the hero with three remarkable saves in the shootout

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Having the last laugh: Korea's grit and determination came to the fore as it booked a quarterfinal meeting with Netherlands. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Korea dug deep into its reserves to become the last and the lowest-ranked side to reach the quarterfinals of the World Cup with a dramatic 3-2 shootout win in the crossover match against 2016 Olympic champion Argentina. The teams were tied 5-5 in regulation time in a seesaw game before the Koreans prevailed to keep the Asian challenge alive in the competition.

Having missed the previous edition and finishing 10th before that, Korea threw everything it had into the game, desperate to stay in the hunt.

With Argentina not conceding any quarter, the contest turned out to be one of the best in the tournament. Argentina looked determined but it had to contend with a nippy Korea that relied on counterattacks and managed to accelerate every time it got the ball. Having run out of fuel towards the end in its previous matches, Korea caught Argentina by surprise with a clean defence and turning it quickly into attack. Argentina still took an early lead after a sloppy clearance by Korean goalkeeper Jaehyeon Kim allowed Maico Casella to tap home in the eighth minute. Kim eventually became Korea's hero, bringing off three spectacular saves in the shootout to deny Argentina.

Korea kept up the pressure and the second quarter saw a goal-fest with both teams scoring twice. Korea found the target in the 18th minute when Jungjun Lee passed to Taeil Hwang, who reverse passed it to an unmarked Sunghyun Kim. Two minutes later, Junwoo Jeong doubled the lead only for Nicolas Keenan to pull Argentina level again, deflecting a free hit home. Nicolas della Torre made it 3-2 three minutes later.

The match continued to be in the balance and when Argentina took a two-goal lead with 13 minutes to go, it looked like Korea would falter again near the finish line. But Yong Nam Lee and his men had other ideas, pushing hard and earning two penalty corners, and converting both to make it even.

Korea's reward for the stunning win will be a clash for a semifinal spot against last edition's runner-up Netherlands on Wednesday. Argentina will travel to Rourkela and take on Chile in a classification match on Thursday.

The result: Korea 5 (Jonghyun Jang 2, Junwoo Jeong, Sunghyun Kim, Yong Nam Lee) drew with Argentina 5 (Nicolas Keenan 2, Nicolas della Torre 2, Maico Casella). Korea won 3-2 in shootout.

Tuesday's matches (quarterfinals): Australia vs Spain (4.30 p.m.), Belgium vs New Zealand (7 p.m.).

Germany puts on a masterclass against France to seal a last-eight spot

Aashin Prasad
BHUBANESWAR

Goal rush: The Germans breached the French fortress at will, scoring five times. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Germany just needed a half to get the job done and book its place in the quarterfinals of the World Cup. On Monday, a ruthless Germany dismantled France in the 5-1 crossover stage match here at the Kalinga Stadium.

Andre Henning's men were moving past the French players like they weren't even there, penetrating the circle with its passing and converting with efficiency.

Germany found plenty of space to attack on the right side and in the final few seconds of the opening quarter, Tom Grambusch was not closed down outside the circle, allowing him to fire a pass into the circle.

A mistrap from Victor Charlet led to the ball falling to an unmarked Marco Miltkau, who reverse-flicked it past the 'keeper.

Despite being a man down for a yellow card in the second quarter, Germany added a second goal. After winning possession inside the own circle, Germany raced up to the other end in the space of four passes and 14 seconds, which ended with Niklas Wellen scoring from a ricochet.

Then inside two minutes, Mats Grambusch smashed home from a rebound, before Moritz Trompertz cleverly deflected in a drag-flick from Tom Grambusch. Germany was 4-0 in 24 minutes.

While France didn't have a sniff in the first half –no shots on goal - it put up a better fight in the second. But it was a non-eventful affair with Germany appearing to approach the game in autopilot mode. France had a strong finish to the fourth quarter with a flurry of penalty corners from which Francois Goyet converted one by diverting a Timothee Clement's drag-flick.

At the other end, Gonzalo Pelliat struck a powerful flick from a PC that sounded the board to the delight of the spectators.

Germany will take on England in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The result: Germany 5 (Marco Miltkau 14, Niklas Wellen 18, Mats Grambusch 23, Moritz Trempertz 24, Gonzalo Peillat 59) bt France 1 (Francois Goyet 57).

India may test its bench-strength

Focused: Shardul and Rohit at a training session. R.V. MOORTHY

NZ IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
INDORE

Bowlers' envy, batters' paradise.

That's the reputation the Holkar Stadium has built for itself over the last decade, thanks to a small outfield and a flat bed for most of the international games it has hosted. That the venue has witnessed an ODI double hundred and the joint-fastest T20I century is testimony to it.

Jovial mood

No wonder then that India head coach Rahul Dravid – in a jovial mood on his return to the city of his birth – joked ahead of India's third ODI against New Zealand that the bowlers would want to run away from the stadium.

While the Black Caps will be desperate to prove their worth in Kane Williamson's absence, India will be hoping that captain Rohit Sharma continues his good work from Raipur.

Rohit will be eager to mark the 10th anniversary of his elevation as regular India opener (he had opened thrice in South Africa in January 2011) with a three-figure knock.

It will be interesting to see if India tests its bench-strength in the dead-rubber.

While all-rounder Hardik Pandya and pacer Mohammed Siraj are likely to be rested, the Indoris will be hoping that hometown hero Rajat Patidar makes his India debut though it looks unlikely.

One local will, however, be on the field right through the game. Umpire Nitin Menon will officiate for the first time in an international on his home turf.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

'We have to prioritise white-ball tournaments'

Amol Karhadkar
INDORE

Getting a grip on it: Dravid, seen with Hardik, feels injury and workload management are two different things. R.V. MOORTHY

On a day when Virat Kohli was picked in the ICC T20I Team of 2022, India head coach Rahul Dravid stressed that Kohli's exclusion from the two T20I series this month was to keep him fresh for the forthcoming Test battles against Australia.

"With the amount of cricket we are playing – with the four-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy very important from the World Test Championship final qualification perspective – there are certain white-ball tournaments we have to prioritise," Dravid said here on Monday.

"The priority after the last T20 World Cup is these six (ODI) games and Virat has played all of them. He will get a bit of a break along with Rohit (Sharma) and they'll come refreshed on Feb. 2. We have a good week's camp before we play Australia. So it's about priorities at certain stages."

India has planned a preparatory camp in Nagpur from Feb. 2 ahead of the first Test there from Feb. 9. The camp will clash with the Ranji Trophy quarterfinals which begin on Jan. 31. While Dravid clarified that none of India's Test squad members will be released for the quarterfinals, he kept a window open for the reserves to be released for the semifinal and final, if required.

"The quarterfinal is on the 31st and our build-up for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy is exactly at the same time. Obviously, in a lead-up to a big series like that, you are not going to be able to release any players (for the quarterfinals). But once the series starts, if an opportunity presents itself where someone is not playing and is required for the semifinal or final, we will certainly look at it," Dravid said.

"We are quite keen to call a few (additional) guys for our preparatory camp in the lead-up and we have already agreed with the selectors that we will not be touching anyone who will be playing in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinals".

Despite a growing clamour on workload management not applying for the IPL, Dravid said the fit Indian players cannot be stopped from playing in the league.

"Injury management and workload management are two completely different things. We have to keep balancing the two," Dravid said.

"For the IPL, our medical team is constantly in touch with the NCA and the franchises. We see if there are any issues, connect with them and see what's happening. If any of the big players are injured or if there is any concern, of course, the BCCI has a right to pull them out. But if they are fit, we do release them for the IPL because it is a very big tournament for the BCCI and us (the team) as well."

Ruthless Djokovic, Sabalenka sweep into the quarterfinals

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic surged into the Australian Open quarterfinals with his "best match of this year" on Monday, while Aryna Sabalenka was an equally ruthless winner.

After a series of shocks at Melbourne Park, normal order was more or less restored on day eight, except for fourth seed Caroline Garcia bowing out under the weight of expectation.

Djokovic demolished Alex de Minaur for the loss of just five games to sweep into the last eight and step up his bid for a 10th Melbourne crown, and record-tying 22nd major title in all.

He will meet fifth seed Andrey Rublev for a semifinal berth after the Russian toppled Danish teenager Holger Rune in a thrilling five-set clash also at Rod Laver Arena.

The Serb's 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 triumph over 22nd-seeded home hope de Minaur was an ominous statement of intent. Significantly, his troublesome left hamstring appeared much improved.

Rublev admitted he was "lucky" after saving two match points against Rune, in energy-sapping heat.

He described beating the 19-year-old as "not like a rollercoaster, it's like they put a gun to your head. A rollercoaster is easier."

In the women's draw, Garcia became the latest top-10 seed to fall, with a shock defeat to Magda Linette, ranked 45 in the world.

Linette faces Karolina Pliskova, who romped past China's Zhang Shuai 6-0, 6-4. Sabalenka defeated dangerous 12th seed Belinda Bencic 7-5, 6-2 to set up a last-eight clash against unseeded Donna Vekic, who beat 17-year-old Linda Fruhvirtova in three sets.

The day in numbers

3 Three American men (Korda, Shelton and Paul) reached the last-eight stage at the same Slam for the first time since the 2005 US Open (Ginepri, Agassi and Blake). In Melbourne, the previous occasion was in 2000 when Agassi, Sampras and Woodruff made it to the quarterfinals

89 Shelton's world ranking, making him the lowest-ranked American player to enter a Grand Slam quarterfinal since Todd Martin at the 2000 US Open

86 Djokovic has won 86 main draw matches at the Australian Open, his joint-highest at an ATP tournament (level with Wimbledon)

16 Sabalenka, who is on an eight-match winning streak, has won 16 successive sets this season

30 Linette, figuring in her 30th Grand Slam main draw, booked a quarterfinal berth for the first time

Compiled by Nihit Sachdeva

Ben Shelton

THE RESULTS

Fourth round: Men: 5-Rublev (Rus) bt 9-Rune (Den) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(9); 4-Djokovic (Srb) bt 22-de Minaur (Aus) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; Shelton (USA) bt Wolf (USA) 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-7(4), 7-6(4), 6-2 ;Tommy Paul (USA) bt 24-Bautista (Esp) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Women: 30-Pliskova (Cze) bt 23-Zhang Shuai (Chn) 6-0, 6-4; Linette (Pol) bt 4-Garcia (Fra) 7-6(3), 6-4; 5-Sabalenka (Blr) bt 12-Bencic (Sui) 7-5, 6-2; Vekic (Cro) bt Fruhvirtova (Cze) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.
Mixed doubles (Second round): Sania & Bopanna bt Behar (Uru) & Ninomiya (Jpn) 6-4, 7-6(9).

INBRIEF

Jehan joins MP Motorsport for 2023 F2 season

Jehan Daruvala will race for reigning Formula 2 champion MP Motorsport of Netherlands, as he returns to the Formula One feeder series for a fourth season in 2023. The 24-year-old will drive alongside Norwegian Dennis Hauger, his Prema Racing teammate from last year. Jehan will combine his F2 campaign with his Formula E role with Indian manufacturer Mahindra Racing, who announced him as a reserve driver in November. The announcement means that there will be two Indians on the F2 grid in 2023 with Kush Maini already announced as a driver for Campos Racing.

Real Madrid beats Bilbao to stay on Barcelona's tail

Karim Benzema and Toni Kroos's goals kept Real Madrid on Barcelona's tail in LaLiga with a 2-0 win against Athletic Bilbao on Sunday. After the Catalans had beaten Getafe 1-0 through Pedri's effort, champion Madrid won a tight clash at the San Mames to remain three points behind its rival.

The results: LaLiga: Elche 1 (Carmona 67) drew with Osasuna 1 (Avila 20); Barcelona 1 (Pedri 35) bt Getafe 0; Athletic Bilbao 0 lost to Real Madrid 2 (Benzema 24, Kroos 90).
Serie A: Juventus 3 (Di Maria 25-pen, Milik 34, Danilo 65) drew with Atalanta 3 (Lookman 5, 53, Maehle 46); Monza 1 (Caprari 60) drew with Sassuolo 1 (Ferrari 13); Sampdoria 0 lost to Udinese 1 (Ehizibue 88); Spezia 0 lost to Roma 2 (El Shaarawy 45, Abraham 49).
Bundesliga: Borussia M'Gladbach 2 (Stindl 82, 90+3) lost to Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Bakker 21, Adli 43, Amiri 67); Borussia Dortmund 4 (Bellingham 29, Schlotterbeck 42, Bynoe-Gittens 75, Reyna 78) bt Augsburg 3 (Maier 40, Demirovic 45+1, Colina 76).

Roots beats Md. Sporting in the BDFA league championship

Roots FS beat Md. Sporting FC 2-0 in the BDFA league championship in Bengaluru on Monday.

The results: Parikrma FC 1 (Neil Joseph 12) bt AGORC FC 0; Roots FS 2 (V. Darshan 27, S. Satish 53) bt Md. Sporting FC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
India vs New Zealand: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
Hockey World Cup: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.30 & 7 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Table-topper Karnataka could experiment with its playing XI against Jharkhand

The host, fighting for a spot in the knockout round with Rajasthan and Kerala, would target the first innings lead at a minimum

RANJI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

With a spot in the knockout rounds assured, Karnataka can breathe easy in its last group stage match, against Jharkhand at Keenan Stadium in Ranchi on Tuesday.

Karnataka (29 points), the runaway leader in Elite Group 'C', can afford to experiment with its playing eleven.

Standout performer: Karnataka skipper Mayank has led from the front and is the team's leading scorer. FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

Three spinners

The unit may choose to stick with three spinners – K. Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal and Shubhang Hegde – who also featured in the last outing against Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram.

Karnataka recorded three points at Thiruvananthapuram, having gained the first-innings lead comfortably.

Karnataka will be pleased to see skipper Mayank Agarwal strike great form. The opener, who smacked 208 against Kerala, is the team's leading run-scorer.

The middle and lower middle-order is in good health as well, with Nikin Jose, Shreyas Gopal, B.R. Sharath and Shubhang Hegde making handy contributions.

Pace ace

On the bowling front, pacer V. Koushik has shouldered the responsibility of replacing the injured Ronit More with ease. Koushik has 17 wickets in three matches, including a six for 54 haul in Kerala's first essay.

Great significance

The match holds great significance for host Jharkhand, which is fighting for a spot in the knockout round. Jharkhand (23 points) is second on the points table, and will be desperate to hold off rivals Rajasthan and Kerala (20 each).

Rajasthan and Kerala take on weak teams in their games, which only increases the pressure on Jharkhand to take the innings lead at a minimum.

RANJI TROPHY SCHEDULE

Elite (Round seven):

Group A: Bengal (32 points) vs. Odisha (8), Kolkata; Haryana (12) vs. Uttarakhand (26), Lahli; Himachal Pradesh (20) vs. Uttar Pradesh (12), Nadaun; Baroda (14) vs. Nagaland (2), Vadodara.

Group B: Tamil Nadu (15) vs. Saurashtra (26), Chennai; Mumbai (23) vs. Maharashtra (25), Mumbai; Andhra (19) vs. Assam (11), Vizianagaram; Hyderabad (1) vs. Delhi (11), Hyderabad.

Group C: Jharkhand (23) vs. Karnataka (29), Jamshedpur; Rajasthan (20) vs. Services (7), Jodhpur; Pondicherry (6) vs. Kerala (20), Puducherry; Chhattisgarh (13) vs. Goa (18), Raipur.

Group D: Madhya Pradesh (32) vs. Tripura (8), Indore; Punjab (26) vs. Vidarbha (19), Mohali; Gujarat (14) vs. Railways (15), Ahmedabad; Chandigarh (6) vs. Jammu & Kashmir (7), Chandigarh.

The Plate final between Bihar and Manipur will be played from January 25 at Patna.

The top priority is my fitness, says Jadeja

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Ravindra Jadeja will take the field in a competitive match for the first time in nearly five months when he leads Saurashtra against Tamil Nadu in the final group encounter of the Ranji Trophy here at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium starting on Tuesday.

The India all-rounder was sidelined from the game after suffering a knee injury (ligament tear) during the Asia Cup in August 2022 and underwent surgery, which has kept him out of action since then.

It will be an important test for the all-rounder as he hopes to use the next four days to assess his match fitness ahead of the four-match Test series against Australia next month.

Back in the swing: Jadeja, who has been out of action for nearly four months, will lead Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy. R. RAGU

Very excited

"Feeling good to be back on the field. I am very excited and looking forward to this game. Hopefully, it will come good as a team and as an individual," Jadeja told reporters on Monday.

"My priority is to get on the field and be fit 100%, so yeah, that is my top priority. Once I am 100 per cent fit, I will work on my skills, whether batting or bowling, but the top priority is my fitness," he added.

The 34-year-old revealed he had been batting and bowling at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for the last 20 days but added, "The match scenario is different and I want one game before the Australia series. So that is why I am here."

When asked if he has had any discomfort since he resumed training, the southpaw said, "Not really, but when you play competitive cricket after five months, you don't feel confident initially, but as you progress, you get better."

Even as he has become integral to India's squad across all formats, Jadeja has recently had to deal with quite a few injury setbacks.

When asked how it affected him, the all-rounder was philosophical in saying, "Nobody wants to get injured at their peak, but still, you know it is part of the game, and you must keep that in mind. You have to be prepared as there is no guarantee that one can't get injured while playing cricket."

On Monday, Jadeja batted for more than 20 minutes, bowled for a similar amount of time, and said he would gradually increase his workload with the ball during the match depending on how his leg feels.

Jalaj Saxena — odd man out in an elite company

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As the players headed to the pavilion for lunch during the Kerala-Services Ranji Trophy match at the KCA-St. Xavier's College Ground earlier this month, Jalaj Saxena ran towards the makeshift gallery in the stadium.

A few moments earlier, Jalaj had taken his 400th First Class wicket when he dismissed Pulkit Narang and headed to the gallery to break the news to his parents – Ghanashyam Saxena and Manju Saxena- who were, for the first time, watching their son play for his adopted State.

"We weren't aware of his landmark and we came to know of it only when he told us during the lunch break, It is good to see him performing well for Kerala. We are happy for him," said Ghanashyam Saxena.

The 36-year-old all-rounder joined an elite company of cricketers who had completed a minimum of 6,000 runs and taken 400 wickets in First Class cricket. But Jalaj was the odd man out, the only uncapped player in the group which included legends like Kapil Dev, C.K. Nayudu and Lala Amarnath.

A class apart: Jalaj Saxena joins a select band of cricketers who have scored 6000 runs and taken 400 wickets. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Jalaj demolished Services with his career-best figures of eight for 36 which has become a favourite hunting ground for him. "I have very fond memories of this ground. I love bowling on this wicket and it will always have a special place in my heart," he said.

Jalaj, who joined Kerala at the start of 2016-17 season, has consistently finished with more than 40 wickets in all seasons except in the truncated season last year when Kerala played only three group matches. Jalaj is happy with his performance for Kerala and said he was grateful to his teammates for helping him adapt to a culture which was alien to him.

"I should thank my teammates who were very helpful to me. It was very difficult for me initially. The food, the culture was different but my teammates made me feel at home. Now Kerala is like a second home for me."

Though disappointed at his non-selection to the Indian team, the dream is very much alive for him. "Really grateful to cross 400+ wickets and 6,000+ runs. I hope I won't remain uncapped forever. The dream is still alive" he tweeted shortly after reaching the landmark.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Divya guides Karnataka to big win over TN

Divya Gnanananda scored an unbeaten century (100 n.o.) as Karnataka defeated Tamil Nadu by nine wickets in the BCCI Senior Women's One Day Trophy in Mumbai.

The scores: Tamil Nadu 157/8 in 50 overs (S. Anusha 57 n.o.) lost to Karnataka 163/1 in 27.3 overs (Shubha Satheesh 38 n.o., Divya Gnanananda 100 n.o.).

Divya Gnanananda (Karnataka, 100 n.o.)

Thakur, Jamwal shine as HP takes lead

MYSURU: R.I. Thakur (77, 5x4, 3x6) and skipper A.S. Jamwal (57, 2x4, 3x6) helped Himachal Pradesh to gain a vital first innings lead of 48 against host Karnataka on the second day of their four-day Col. C.K. Nayadu Trophy u-25 cricket tournament here on Monday.

At stumps, Karnataka was 96/4 in 25 overs.

The scores: Karnataka 166 in 77.4 overs & 96/4 in 25 overs (Kishan S. Bedare 34 n.o.) vs Himachal Pradesh 214 in 67.4 overs (R.I. Thakur 77, A.S. Jamwal 57, Mukul Negi 25, M.S. Bhandage 4/47).

Vipin and Anuradha claim 40+ singles crowns

BENGALURU: Vipin Jayanarayan and Anuradha Yadavalli emerged the men's and women's singles champions respectively (40+ category) in the inaugural GPBL Veterans Republic Day Cup badminton tournament held here recently.

Champions: The various winners in the GPBL Veterans Republic Day Cup badminton tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The result (finals):
Men: Singles: 40+: Vipin Jayanarayan bt Ravi Verma 15-11, 15-10; 45+: Murali Krishna bt N.P. Anand 15-11, 15-11.
50+: Madhusudan Reddy bt Anil Dutt 13-15, 15-11, 15-11.
Doubles: 40+ Kolappa & Sijo bt P.K. Chandrashekar Shekhar & Shiva 15-10, 15-11; 45+: P.K. Chandrashekar & Shreedhar bt Sudeesh & Dwarak 15-10, 15-7; **50+:** Ratna Prasad & Raghavendra Rao bt A. Venkatesh & Rahul 15-10, 15-8.
Women: Singles: Anuradha Yadavalli bt Susan 15-7, 15-11; Doubles: Nuthan & Kavita bt Sushma & Anuradha 12-15, 15-5, 15-10.
Mixed doubles: Pratap & Sushma bt Vipin Kumar & Anuradha 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

BBFS trials on Jan. 29

Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS) will conduct trials for its residential academies (boarding schools with football training) on January 29 at the BBFS Arena, HAL Bengaluru.

Those born between Janury 1, 2006 and December 31, 2013 are eligible.

Call: Siddharth Rawat (+91-7574980867) for details.

Arun nets four as Om Sai pips Bangalore United

M. Arun scored four goals as Om Sai HC, Dharwad edged Bangalore United HC 5-4 in the KSHA A-division hockey league on Monday.

The results: Om Sai HC, Dharwad 5 (Yashwin 23, M. Arun 29, 41, 53, 56) bt Bangalore United HC 4 (Maheswaran 24, 26, 46, Pawan 35).

Bombers HC 2 (Anand 14, Nawaz 52) bt Rising Star HC 1 (Santhosh 36).

ACC to discuss Asia Cup and India's participation in it: PCB chief

Press Trust of India
KARACHI

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has accepted Pakistan Cricket Board's request to hold an executive board meeting on Feb. 4 in Bahrain to discuss this year's Asia Cup in Pakistan and India's participation in the tournament.

PCB chairman Najam Sethi said during his recent visit to Dubai, he had succeeded in convincing the ACC members to hold the board meeting. "It is a major development that the ACC the board will meet on 4th Feb. in Bahrain and matters relating to the Asia Cup will be discussed," he said.

Kerala women steamroller Meghalaya

JR. NATL. BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Kerala women thrashed Meghalaya 133-29 at the 72nd junior National Basketball Championships here on Monday.

The results: Men: Rajasthan 97 (C. Ayush 20, H. Akshit 16) bt Odisha 67 (K.P. Sovan 17, S.K. Fayaz 14); Chandigarh 80 (Ravinder Kausthak 18, Gaurav Kumar Singh 17, Deepak 13, Udit Ravi 10).
Kerala 70 (Jordan Cherian Eapen 24, Adarsh S. Kappen 15); Mizoram 88 (Emmanuel V.L. Awmpuia 33, Lalruatkima 21, Lalrinhlua 13) bt Uttarakhand 73 (Hadik Sharma 20, Priyanshu Chand 17).
Tamil Nadu 105 (Subinvel 22, S. Ajay 15, V. Sharan 11) bt Delhi 54 (Paramjeeth Singh 12, Siddant Tomar 12, Aashis 10); Maharashtra 76 (Dev Premi 23, Shivraj Patel 17) bt Manipur 68 (Newton Singh 19, H. Rishikanta Sharma 13, Muthu Sanchendra 10).

Andhra Pradesh 118 (Gurucharan 24, Swarka Natha Reddy 19, Akhil Kumar 11) bt Assam 57 (Bikash Kumar Rai 19, Dilshan Anwar 17).

Women: Maharashtra 76 (Aanya Bhaskar 31, Ricca Ravi 21, Bhumika Sarje 18) bt Andhra Pradesh 68 (Hemalatha 20, Varsha 18, Pallavi 17); Kerala 133 (Ruth Anna Blessen 32, K.A. Abhirami 28, A. Ajina 27, P.A. Alka 17, Eldina Ann 14) bt Meghalaya 29 (Swapna 11).

Madhya Pradesh 90 (Khushi Pal Singh 39, Osheen Singh 20) bt West Bengal 79 (Ananya Mandal 21, Diya Hazra 17, Smriti 15, Risha Das 12); Chhattisgarh 102 (D. Kirthi 24, Riya Pramod 24) bt Uttarakhand 25).

Chandigarh 137 (Arpita Dey 28, Ayushi Singh 24, Kanish Sharma 21) bt Assam 35 (Priyanka Nazari 21).